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Municipal Election Process Under Way

By Liz Daniels

Municipal election day may seem like a distant event and much too far off to consider, but for those who would like to make a difference, nominations for reeve, deputy reeve and councillors officially opened in your community this week. For those who have been unsatisfied with the progress of your local council, or who may simply want to contribute in some way, now is the time to give this challenging role serious consideration.

In an election process that takes longer than any other in Canada, nominations opened on January 4th and close on September 10th with election day set for October 25th. With the stakes usually being fairly high for all rate payers, even in small rural communities, 10 months can pass in the blink of an eye while you stand up to scrutiny by your electors against other worthy candidates, so now may be the best time to toss your hat into the ring.

It may be a thankless job and there is a lot of responsibility tied to the role of a municipal councillor, but chronic financial shortfalls, tax rates, all of your municipal services, infrastructure improvements, recreation and even the number of potholes in your streets depend on the council that is chosen. We are experiencing difficult economic times and over the next few years higher levels of government will tighten their purse strings and reduce funding to municipalities, something we have seen already with the recent claw-back by the province for social services and will make the role of a municipal councillor that much more difficult. It is not a job for the faint of heart.

What qualifications should I have, you might ask. According to the Municipal Elections Act (1996) in order to be eligible to run for public office in a local municipality you must reside in the municipality or be the owner or tenant of land there, or be the spouse of an owner or tenant. You must also be a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years old. Those prohibited from running for office are employees of the municipality, a judge of any court, a member of the Legislative Assembly, a crown employee or have been convicted of a corrupt practice during the previous five years.

Those running for office must be prepared to make a four year commitment with the term of office for new Council members running from December 1st of 2010 until November 30th, 2014.

Nominations for school board trustees are also being accepted during the same time frame. Forms and details are available from the Clerk at your municipal office and nominations papers can be filed there as well.

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What's to Come... ...And What Was

This is a picture of the fun from last year's spring splash at Sir Sam's.. one of many "pick of 2009" pictures of the year that will be featured throughout this issue!!



Frost Festival Returns

It was announced at the monthly BIA meeting on Monday 4th January that the popular Frost Festival will be returning for a second year on Saturday February 13th in Head Lake Park for a chance for families to get outside and enjoy winter activities on the family day weekend. The municipal event with some activities sponsored by businesses such as Winterdance, the Rotary Club and the BIA, will host dog sled rides, pony rides, an outdoor skating rink, a horse and sleigh ride and other outdoor games. Dysart et al Councillor Andrea Roberts explained that "last year we wanted to do something to celebrate the family weekend especially since its a new holiday. Our main idea was to focus on family activities and to promote winter." This year Frost Fest will run for just one

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day as opposed to last year when it ran over the weekend because of "financial implications and manpower." However it's important to note that the entire day is free including all of the activities so it's a great chance to sample winter activities for no charge at all. Frost Festival is looking for volunteers to help out on the day with the event to make sure it's a huge success like last year so if you are interested contact Andrea Roberts at 457-3554.

The BIA also announced that the Fall Festival will run on the Saturday before Thanksgiving October 2nd, the Santa Parade will fall on November 26th and they are also looking to host another old car show. ■

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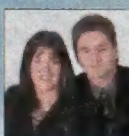
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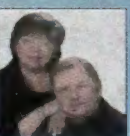
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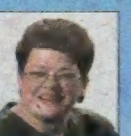
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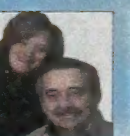
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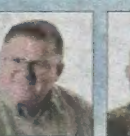
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Planning Continues for Watercolours of Haliburton

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

"We want to give Haliburton the project that it deserves."

Sometimes, when plans change or a project is put on hold, the rumour mill takes off and reality can become a bit distorted. That may be the case with the Watercolours condominium project in the Village of Haliburton.

There is no doubt whatsoever that the Watercolours development has been controversial and that, despite the need for housing and the support of prospective residents, there has been considerable opposition to the project resulting in delays. The recent decision by the Mady Development Corporation to put the project on hold has once again heightened local chatter that the project is in trouble.

"That's absolutely insane," said David Mady when confronted with last week's suggestion on the street that his company had gone bankrupt. "Nothing could be further from the truth," he said while assuring the County Voice that the project is still very much alive and the development group is simply looking at ways to improve on a good thing.

Asked to address the delay, Mady said, "When we originally got involved in the project we had over a 100 reservations, complete with deposits. We rolled out our plan, but unfortunately at about the same time, all that could happen in the financial world did happen." Mady said that market meltdown and the loss of retirement savings, along with a move towards the Harmonized Sales Tax, to name a few problems, have hit people hard. "All of a sudden people weren't quite ready to sign on the dotted line or make a final commitment."

"Even though at first the development was very well received, it turned out that it was the worst possible time to launch a project like this," he said. According to Mady, with the financial world in a shambles, the project became a bit of an uphill battle that needed revisiting.

"With the economy in the condition it has been in, the last thing that people wanted to do was buy a new home, but things are picking up now."

Mady also attributed some of the concerns about the development to being the new kids on the block, which he said may have made matters worse. "Several projects in the area hadn't materialized and we were being tarred with that brush as well." According to Mady, there has been

a ton of propaganda put out about the project by those who have been against it from day one.

"The rumours have been horrible," he said, adding that he wants to do everything he can to quell statements by opponents that have been against the project from the start. "Some people will say anything to try to kill the project and it's something I have never experienced before." Mady simply said that reasonable people would consider the source of the rumours.

Mady also said that his team has received a lot of input about the project and, while nothing has actually been cast in stone yet, they are making some changes. "The ability to purchase a condominium will still be there, but we're also considering a rental retirement component to the project. We have simply put the brakes on during the winter months while coming up with a new strategy that could facilitate rentals as well as condos."

Mady said, "We want to give Haliburton the project that it deserves. We don't have anything specific yet and are working on a number of options." He also said that they were meeting with operators on the retirement rental option as part of the overall development.

When asked for a bit more detail about the retirement home aspect of the development, Mady suggested that the rental units would provide the same services that you would expect from a first class retirement community, while meeting another obvious need in Haliburton.

In the meantime, as previously reported, the company has sent letters out to everyone who has reserved a unit to let them know that they are working on various options. "We have offered all of the deposit cheques back if desired and let our clients know that when the new plan is ready in the spring they will be the first to be contacted." But according to Mady, there have only been two actual requests for deposit returns.

Mady said that their clients are still very interested in the project and have given them a good vote of confidence by saying, "keep our money." He said, "We hope to see it as well received in the spring."

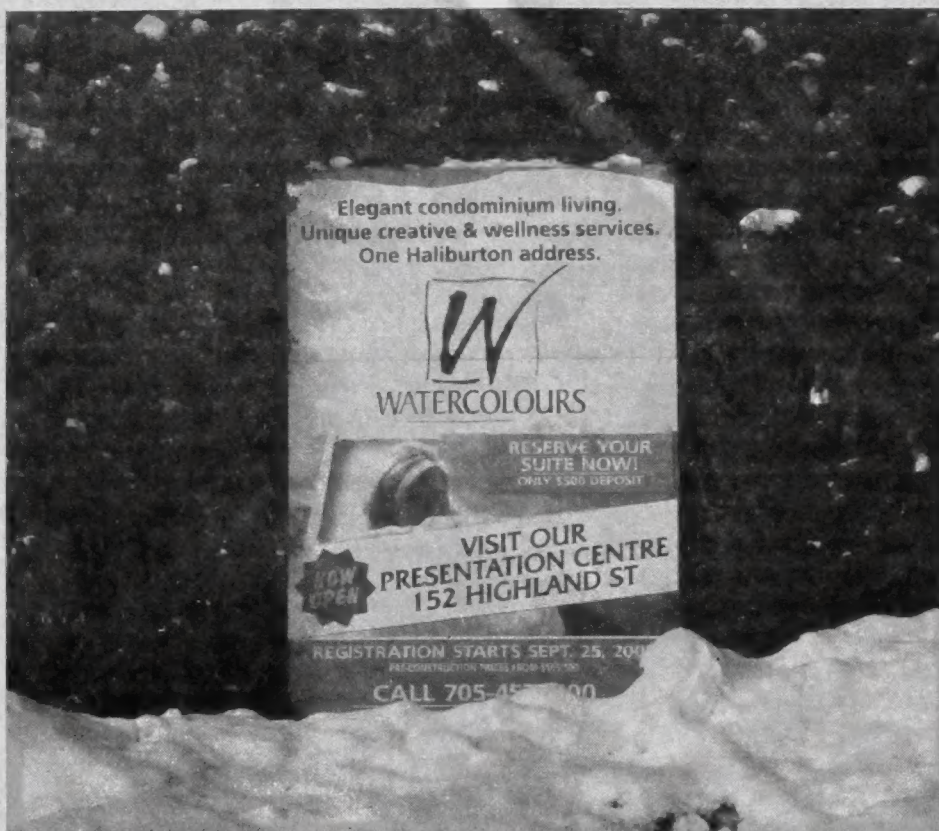
When asked if the style of the building would change, Mady said that so far there were no dramatic changes in how the building would look. With respect to the studies required as part of the zoning by-law, he confirmed that they were still chipping away at the necessary reports and submitting them to the municipality as they're completed.

Dysart Planner Pat Martin confirmed that the site plan, which is a requirement before the OMB signs off on the project, has been submitted and is presently under peer review by MTO and engineers. She also said that all the studies, with the exception of the hydro-geological report had been received.

"The OMB decision won't be finalized until the site plan is accepted," Martin said, adding that her understanding of the process was that the site plan would go back to the board after the peer review and they will render their final decision at that time.

As to a retirement home component to the project and how that fits into the zoning, Martin said that the property was zoned for residential use and their building permit application would have to reflect that. Martin also said that while there is a process in place for condominium approval, the municipality had no control over actual land tenure.

In response to the latest rumours, Martin said, "They have a significant investment in the property and the studies come at considerable expense. That should signify their intent on the property." ■



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For the health and well being of your community, it is essential that strong minded and well informed people who are committed to the task step up to the plate for this challenge. The next ten months provides an opportunity to advance your thoughts and ideas on how to approach the problems being encountered and how to find solutions.

While nominations are already being submitted in some of the larger towns and cities, at the time of going to print, no one in Haliburton County had entered the elections arena. You could be the first. ■

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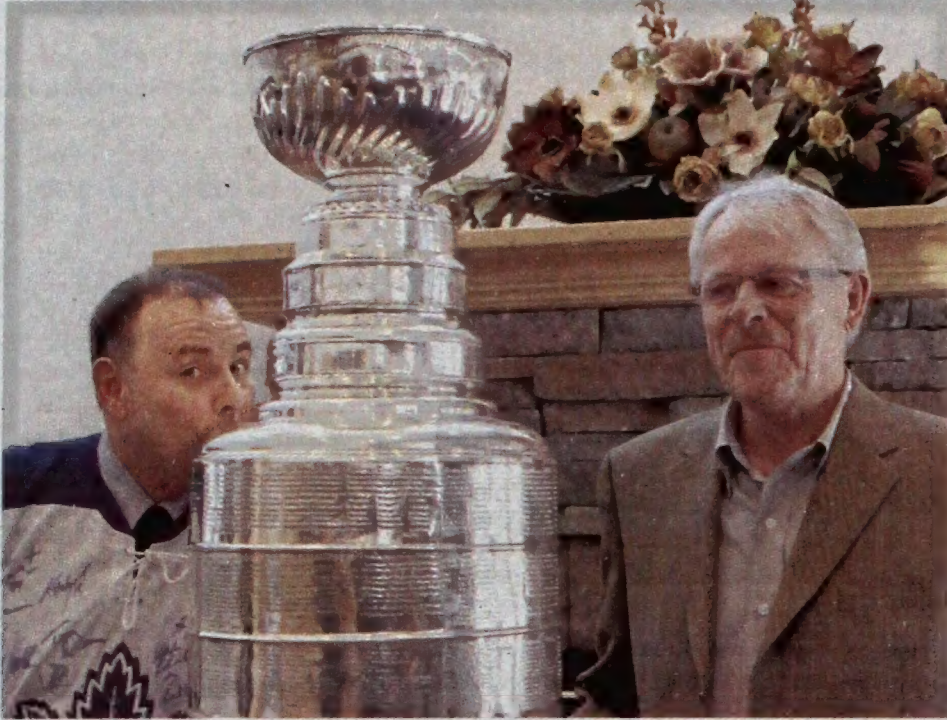
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THURSDAY



Cold with afternoon snow showers

▲ -9° ▼ -17°

FRIDAY



Colder with A.M. snow showers and P.M. flurries

▲ -12° ▼ -19°

SATURDAY



Becoming partly cloudy and cold

▲ -9° ▼ -18°

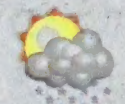
SUNDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and seasonable

▲ -8° ▼ -15°

MONDAY



Morning snow showers, then some sun

▲ -7° ▼ -15°

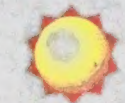
TUESDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and colder

▲ -9° ▼ -18°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and warmer

▲ -6° ▼ -14°

AROUND THE REGION: Scattered snow showers will be likely on Thursday afternoon with highs near 10 below zero. The snow showers will linger through Thursday night into Friday morning. Flurries will linger through the afternoon. Highs will be in the teens below zero. The weekend will remain dry and seasonably cold.

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BONUS 28

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01-Jan-2010

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BONUS 15

ENCORE 0900208

TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk	City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk
Acapulco	29/23/cl	25/19/cl	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	28/22/cl	28/23/cl	32/27/su
Antigua	29/24/su	29/23/su	31/26/su	Nassau	21/13/su	21/14/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	30/23/su	30/23/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	28/22/sh	28/22/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	17/12/sh	18/14/sh	31/26/sh	Puerto Vallarta	29/21/pc	28/19/pc	29/23/pc
Cancun	23/17/pc	23/18/cl	32/26/pc	St Thomas	29/23/sh	28/23/pc	29/24/pc
Curacao	32/24/pc	32/24/su	31/24/ts	St Maarten	29/23/su	28/23/su	31/27/su
Freeport	19/12/su	20/14/sh	33/28/su	San Jose, CR	29/19/pc	30/19/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	29/21/sh	28/21/pc	31/23/ts	San Juan	29/22/sh	28/22/pc	29/22/su
Havana	19/8/su	21/10/cl	34/24/pc	San Salvador	31/21/pc	31/20/pc	32/22/su
Key West	19/12/su	21/14/sh	16/11/pc	Santo Domingo	28/22/sh	28/22/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	28/23/sh	28/23/cl	33/32/su	Trinidad	29/20/su	30/21/sh	32/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk	Sunday Hi/Low/Outk	Monday Hi/Low/Outk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Outk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Outk
Bancroft	-9/-17/sn	-12/-19/sn	-9/-18/pc	-8/-16/cl	-7/-15/pc	-9/-18/pc	-6/-14/su
Barrie	-9/-16/sn	-11/-18/sn	-9/-17/pc	-7/-14/cl	-6/-14/pc	-9/-17/pc	-6/-13/su
Dorset	-9/-17/sn	-12/-19/sn	-9/-18/pc	-8/-16/cl	-7/-15/pc	-9/-18/pc	-6/-14/su
Haliburton	-9/-17/sn	-12/-19/sn	-9/-18/pc	-8/-15/cl	-7/-15/pc	-9/-18/pc	-6/-14/su
Huntsville	-9/-17/sn	-12/-19/sn	-9/-18/pc	-8/-16/cl	-7/-15/pc	-9/-18/pc	-6/-14/su
Kingston	-8/-15/sn	-9/-17/sn	-8/-16/pc	-6/-13/cl	-5/-13/pc	-7/-16/pc	-4/-13/su
Lindsay	-9/-16/sn	-11/-18/sn	-9/-17/pc	-7/-14/cl	-6/-14/pc	-9/-17/pc	-6/-14/su
Minden	-9/-17/sn	-12/-19/sn	-9/-18/pc	-8/-15/cl	-7/-15/pc	-9/-18/pc	-6/-14/su
Oshawa	-7/-14/sn	-9/-16/sn	-7/-16/pc	-6/-13/cl	-4/-13/pc	-6/-15/pc	-4/-13/su
Ottawa	-7/-15/sf	-9/-18/sn	-9/-18/cl	-9/-18/sf	-7/-15/cl	-9/-18/cl	-7/-16/pc
Toronto	-7/-14/sn	-9/-16/sn	-7/-15/pc	-5/-13/cl	-4/-12/pc	-6/-15/pc	-3/-12/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Outk	Friday Hi/Low/Outk	Saturday Hi/Low/Outk	Sunday Hi/Low/Outk	Monday Hi/Low/Outk	Tuesday Hi/Low/Outk	Wednesday Hi/Low/Outk
Calgary	-7/-9/su	4/-6/su	6/-14/pc	7/-13/su	9/-11/su	10/-17/pc	3/-8/cl
Edmonton	-9/-11/su	3/-7/su	-18/-24/cl	-17/-24/cl	-12/-19/cl	-15/-21/cl	-16/-19/sn
Fredericton	-3/-9/sf	-5/-12/sf	-5/-14/sn	-6/-15/sn	-4/-13/sn	-5/-14/sf	-4/-13/cl
Halifax	-1/-7/cl	-3/-9/sn	-2/-9/sn	-3/-9/sn	-2/-9/sn	-3/-9/sf	-1/-9/pc
Montreal	-6/-13/sf	-8/-17/sn	-8/-17/cl	-7/-15/sf	-7/-14/sf	-8/-17/cl	-7/-15/pc
Regina	-13/-22/su	2/-8/su	-11/-17/su	-9/-17/su	-7/-14/su	1/-11/pc	-1/-12/sn
St. John's	-1/-6/sf	-3/-8/cl	-1/-11/sn	-1/-11/sn	-2/-12/sn	-4/-12/sn	-1/-9/cl
Saskatoon	-15/-23/su	2/-8/su	-19/-22/pc	-18/-23/pc	-13/-18/cl	-6/-12/cl	-7/-16/sn
Vancouver	5/-2/su	9/5/sh	7/5/ra	11/7/sh	13/8/sh	13/7/sh	12/6/sh
Whitehorse	-5/-11/sf	-7/-12/sn	-8/-17/sn	-8/-15/sn	-7/-14/sn	-9/-16/sn	-7/-16/sn
Winnipeg	-21/-30/pc	-7/-17/su	-18/-24/pc	-17/-23/pc	-14/-21/cl	-6/-13/pc	-4/-14/sn

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Last seven days			
Monday 1/4	-9°C	-17°C	0.3 mm
Sunday 1/3	-11°C	-21°C	3.8 mm
Saturday 1/2	-13°C	-20°C	1.4 mm
Friday 1/1	-1°C	-11°C	3.7 mm
Thursday 12/31	-1°C	-6°C	3.9 mm
Wednesday 12/30	-5°C	-21°C	0.3 mm
Tuesday 12/29	-13°C	-22°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	7:52 a.m./4:49 p.m.	12:34 a.m./11:19 a.m.
Fri.	7:52 a.m./4:50 p.m.	1:47 a.m./11:45 a.m.
Sat.	7:51 a.m./4:51 p.m.	2:57 a.m./12:16 p.m.
Sun.	7:51 a.m./4:52 p.m.	4:05 a.m./12:53 p.m.
Mon.	7:51 a.m./4:54 p.m.	5:08 a.m./1:37 p.m.
Tues.	7:50 a.m./4:55 p.m.	6:03 a.m./2:28 p.m.
Wed.	7:50 a.m./4:56 p.m.	6:50 a.m./3:27 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan. 7	Jan. 15	Jan. 23	Jan. 30

Dog Sled Races were a huge hit in February of 2009



Santa Claus parades were colourful & well attended in 09



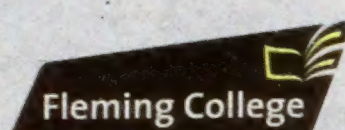
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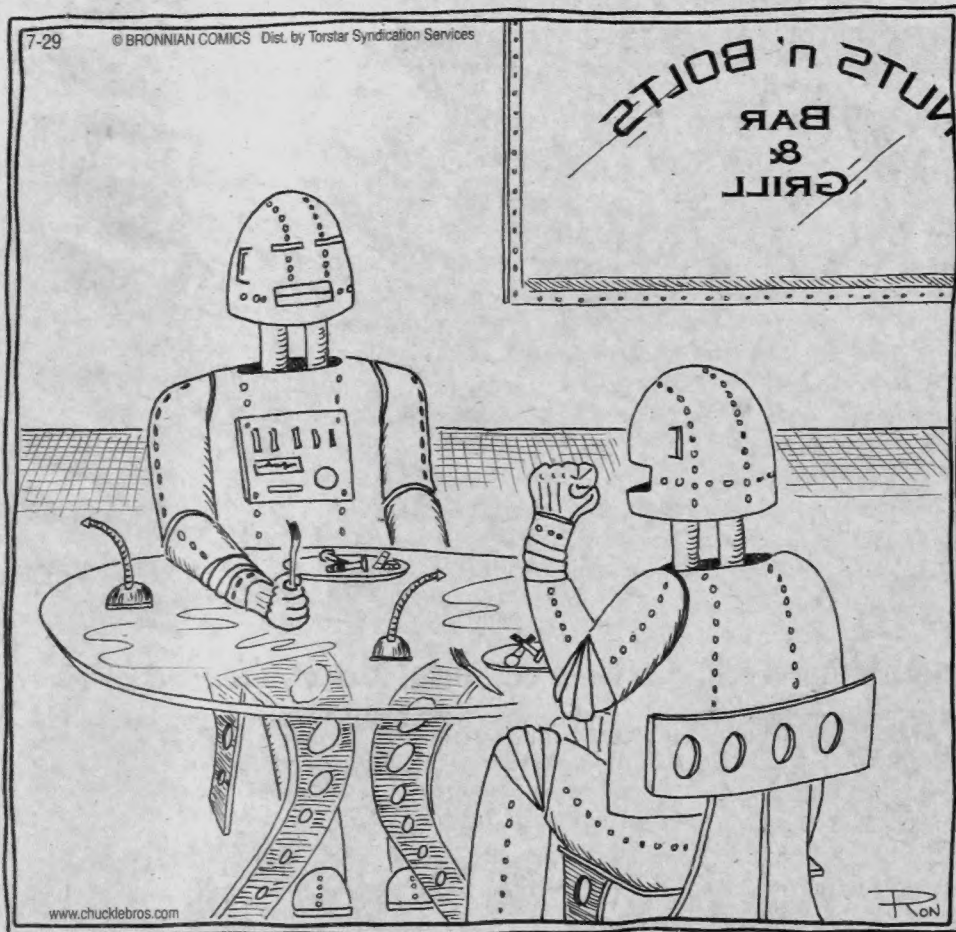
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

“To make matters worse, they ... take the cowardly way out, negatively attacking the person who was doing his job.”

It's comforting to know now that our local M.P. has visited the DMZ, (at the invitation of the Prime Minister, but at the expense of the taxpayer), most of us should now be able to sleep more soundly knowing our borders with Minden, West Guildford, Kinmount and Wilberforce will be much safer as a result of this new found knowledge and experience gained by our local M.P. on this unnecessary excursion.

Another recent excursion by the Conservatives that turned out to be a waste of tax dollars, and further contributed to air pollution, was Harper's trip to Copenhagen. If he didn't have the decency or balls to stand up and represent Canada at the Copenhagen Summit on global warming, then he should have stayed home. The only thing he accomplished was to shame and embarrass Canada on the world stage.

I have lived through many Canadian governments, but have never felt as embarrassed and ashamed of being Canadian as I do now under the current government. The Conservatives campaigned on bringing transparency to government, then on an important issue such as “torture in Afghanistan”, they make a mockery of democracy by failing to accept responsibility for their actions, and providing documents with copious blackouts hardly suggests transparency. Cover-up seems a more accurate description. To make matters worse, they resort, as they always do by taking the cowardly way out, negatively attacking the person who was doing his job. The Conservatives further tried to discredit the opposition parties by stating they were being disrespectful to our troops by seeking information they had every right to have. It was not the opposition parties who were being disrespectful of our troops; it was the Conservatives who were using the troops to hide behind with this shallow accusation.

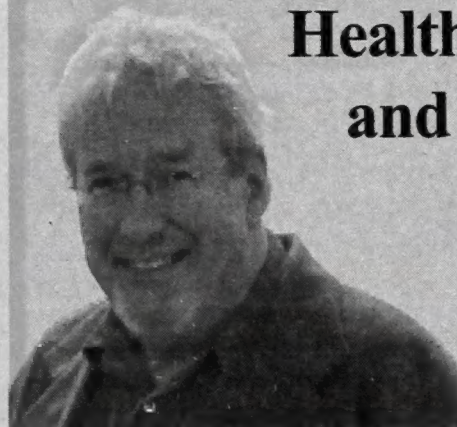
Feeling like you were standing on a 1950's movie set should be second nature to you by now, with all the bad actor's in Parliament, who daily display their ignorant, disrespectful, irresponsible and juvenile behaviour. Canadians deserve better than this crap from their government.

Frank Thom
Haliburton, Ontario. ■

Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick

Health Care, Boomers, and Money, Money, Money



In his regular column for the Voice in this issue, Haliburton Highlands Health Services President and CEO Paul Rosebush details the results of a survey conducted in late September and early October of this year

on the performance of Haliburton's two emergency units. The public's response was overwhelmingly positive (see page 22 for details), but the challenges facing the HHHS in the coming year are, quite frankly, enormous.

The HHHS Board is acutely aware of the limits of its power and authority since it comes under the aegis of the Central East Local Health Initiative Network, which in turn reports to the Ministry of Health. Part of the HHHS's job is to work effectively and efficiently within the confines of these hierarchical constraints, which in general it does with admirable tact, even when clear differences arise. One example is the CE LHIN's recommendation last February that Haliburton's only obstetrical bed be abandoned. At the time the LHIN was totally unaware that the Ministry of Health had already provided funding for a midwife service for the County. In the last year Midwife Rebecca Weeks-Toth has established a very successful midwifery service. In fact, at the time the LHIN's recommendation was made, Ms. Weeks-Toth and Haliburton's Dr. Norm Bottum (who's been in charge of Obstetrics here for many years) were actively exploring ways to integrate their services and to upgrade the skills of some of Haliburton Hospital's nursing staff. In December Ms. Weeks-Toth made a very effective presentation to the HHHS Board outlining just how needed and effective her services can be, and how some integration with the Hospital's services, and Dr. Bottum's extensive obstetrical experience, could justify keeping the one bed active and open.

Once this plan is finally formulated, it is expected the LHIN will give it at least a hearing. But the issue illustrates just how delicate and sometimes frustrating the relationship can be, even with both sides having the best of intentions. The HHHS is also gaining a well-deserved reputation, under the leadership of Rosebush, his staff, and the Board, under Chair Marg Risk, of pro-active well-thought out initiatives that are often much in advance of those of neighbouring centres. An example is the swift and effective response to the recent H1N1 spike last November. Practically within hours of our Emergency Department's witnessing a surge of over 25 percent of its normal intake, the HHHS had established a Flu Assessment Centre which quickly took the pressure off Emerg - and provided worried patients with an efficient and fast diagnosis. The Centre was the first in the entire CE LHIN (stretching from here to Campbellford to Scarborough).

The problems the HHHS Board face in the coming year will, of course, be money. The Catch 22 is simple: the HHHS is mandated to provide certain services, no matter what. It's also required to balance its budget. Yet to fulfill the mandate the government dictates inevitably takes more money than the government provides. So the Board's task, no matter what efficiencies are put in place, is to do the impossible. The only cuts that might apply would be to union salaries, which are negotiated collectively across the province: no wiggle room there. Or they could cut services, but then ... of course they wouldn't be satisfying their mandate.

These problems are only going to increase as the country's population ages exponentially. Haliburton is a useful microcosm in regards to the future: we have a highly efficient, compassionate Health Service, doctors, and hospitals as well as one of the highest percentages of seniors in the country. Paul Rosebush, the HHHS Board, and staff must use every ounce of community imagination, original thinking, and collective political will to forge a successful path for the future. Their policy of engaging and informing the public at every opportunity must be a cornerstone of this essential public process.

And at the same time the strength of their performance, and our community's support, should give notice to the CE LHIN that local autonomy and decision making aren't just easy phrases. In Haliburton County's case, at least, it's a prescription for the achievement of the very best in local health care. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

"Once the HST takes affect it will reduce one's spending power and disposable income..."

County Council and every municipality within Haliburton County are in the process of 2010 budget discussions with departments, various groups and associations wanting more money. However the recession, tourism down, depleting upper levels of government funding as stated in the Voice newspaper and all the downloading of responsibilities to municipalities and county have or will impact monies put into reserves. There is one major factor politicians must consider, the harmonized tax which will take effect July 1st, 2010 and how this tax will affect the spending power of the populous at large. Items that were not PST taxed will be and this will cause even more stress on ones' cost for goods and services. We are all aware the majority of employment is seasonal, minimum wage, non union, no pension or medical benefits. Disposable income is relatively non existent and living day to day is the norm.

Once the HST takes effect it will reduce ones' spending power and disposable income, if one has such. Essentials will be a priority however non essentials like vacations, eating out, family activities and so much more will be cut back. Upper levels of government say it will be good for businesses and employment however I beg to differ. If ones' buying power is reduced how is this good for businesses and employment opportunities

if one cuts back on spending? Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey is right when he said, "we just have to hunker down with a bit less equipment and less staff". There are CAOs making in excess of \$100,000.00 per year, plus benefits, paid Stat Holidays and vacations. To me these wages and perks are the extreme and are paid for through our tax dollars as is politician's remuneration and health benefits. Perhaps a freeze on such extreme wages should be put in place! Perhaps health benefits for politicians should be eliminated! Perhaps through attrition employees could be offered a retirement opportunity through their OMERS pensions depending on years of service! Perhaps unions should be more realistic during negotiations - greed is not becoming to anyone.

Although a 10 percent tax increase appears to be reasonable as stated in the Voice, it will cripple the already tough economy and ones' ability to pay for a roof over ones' head. It will be a major blow to those who are already struggling to survive and those seniors on fixed incomes. There is only so much money to go around! Perhaps a reality check is in order and we will see how our Warden, County Council and municipalities will deal with the tough road ahead.

Beverly MacDuff
Gooderham ■

Dear Editor:

Could This Happen Here?

On a recent cross-country flight, I watched last year's Bond movie "Quantum of Solace." And I was struck by its down-to-earth tone. For this time, the villain wasn't the usual creepy miscreant, but a bland-looking businessman. And his dark-hearted scheme was not for world domination, but for water diversion. His nefarious plan: to steal fresh water—the essential and increasingly precious ingredient of life—from local, defenceless citizens.

Art imitates life. How similar to the situation facing our neighbours in the southern part of this riding: in Millbrook. Here, politicians and developers are planning to drain and transport water from three artesian wells, located on the Oak Ridges Moraine, for 12 kilometres overland. All to service the Kawartha Downs casino expansion, a new golf course, and a sprawling subdivision of 100 homes and shops. The proposed increase in water demand? 800 percent. Experts predict this will leave both local residents and sensitive brook trout high and dry.

Who will stand up to the powerful forces promoting this ruinous plan? In 2006, concerned citizens spoke out, and were threatened with a lawsuit. A shocking sign of our times. Now, unfortunately, it takes a mythical James Bond, or Jane Bond, to defend us from these corporate raiders; our elected representatives don't seem to want to. Is our government really acting with our best, long-term interests in mind? The stony silence speaks volumes. Enough said.

Susanne Lauten
Nominated Candidate, Green
Party of Canada
Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-
Brock ■

Dear Editor:

"Firstly, PAWS is a dog pound – not the Holiday Inn."

OK, I've finally been pushed enough to respond to the comments regarding PAWS Animal Shelter. I personally worked for the "shelter" for 34 years and am totally tired of people who have never stepped foot in the shelter making such derogatory comments about the condition of the shelter and the animals. It does nothing but foster very negative feelings about the shelter and all the positives are totally ignored.

Firstly PAWS is a dog pound – not the Holiday Inn. Municipalities supporting the shelter have realized the importance of having a heated shelter for lost or unwanted animals to be housed, fed, watered and exercised EVERY day, including Sundays, holidays, Christmas, Easter, etc. (Where is Kelly Harmon on these holidays? Probably comfortable in her home with her family because she has certainly not been volunteering at the shelter.) There is only so much tax money available and you should be grateful that reeves and councils are able to earmark money for the care of these strays. I wonder what the editorial page would be if suddenly your taxes doubled to create the Holiday Inn atmosphere for stray animals.

Secondly, PAWS is open to the PUBLIC one hour a day. We are in the shelter much longer each and every day caring for the animals rather than dealing with people who are there to visit and take valuable time away from that animal care.

Thirdly, the absolute last straw is euthanizing animals. We do everything in our power to place stray animals in homes and often keep them for several months before being successful in this placement. We go the extra mile trying to find the owners of the stray animals that are found wandering the streets, cold and hungry.

Maybe Kelly and others who have voiced similar comments should get the facts straight before they get their mouth in gear. Positive comments go a long way in changing the mind set of folks like Kelly and positive thoughts help people to realize how lucky they are to live in a municipality that cares enough to support an animal Pound or Shelter rather than let them starve to death in the cold!

Kelly's energy would be better spent condemning irresponsible pet owners – without them, there would be no need for ANY type of shelter.

Thanks for listening.
Lynn Neuman ■

Dear Editor:

"These cats are extremely intelligent and respond well to kindness and gentle treatment."

My wife and I wish to thank all the people who supported us in our efforts to help the feral cats of Highlands East. Our struggle to save them from being destroyed was very long and difficult. It has been exhausting at times, but also very rewarding. These cats are extremely intelligent and respond well to kindness and gentle treatment. They adapt very quickly to their surroundings. Because we have had them around us for quite a while, they have taught us the true meaning of compassion and caring.

There is nothing more rewarding than knowing that you have made a difference and have saved a lot of little kittens and cats. Now thanks to the kindness and generosity of Highlands East they will have a home with plenty of food and water. The trap neuter and return program is the true answer for feral cats, it stops the spraying and the competition for a mate to breed, and it also eliminates the fighting. It allows them to live the rest of their lives peacefully.

Many thanks to Dr. Laurie Brown and her veterinary staff, who have helped us often with the cats. Thanks also to Maureen and Haliburton Feed Co., who over the years have found homes for so many of our little kitties. A very special thanks to my wife Donna who sacrificed so much for the cats, for all the many nights spent bottle feeding babies and nursing sick cats. For her they are truly family. Her kindness has been unlimited, so an extra special thanks to her. We hope that other communities will follow Highlands East's example with this program.

Bud Friesman
Wilberforce. ■

Dear Editor:

Thanks for a Great Year!

As we near the end of another year, it is natural to take time to reflect. It has been a dynamic and successful year for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Without the investment from the people of Minden, local community groups, volunteers, Minden Rotary, Arts Alive Minden Foundation, and the wise decisions of town council, past and present, we would not be where we are today. Here are just some of our achievements in 2009:

Agnes Jamieson Gallery became an Ontario Arts Council Recommender Gallery, able to give out Exhibition Assistance grants to local artists;

R.D. Lawrence Place garnered international recognition through the World Wildlife Federation;

Minden Hills Museum and Minden received National coverage through the Globe & Mail for the spectacular and moving exhibition "For King and County – Soldiers of the Haliburton Highlands";

R.D. Lawrence Place received Federal funding to present 3 of the Nation's finest authors;

New 5,000 square foot library opened with significantly enhanced services;

Received Provincial funding to complete new 5-year Strategic Plan;

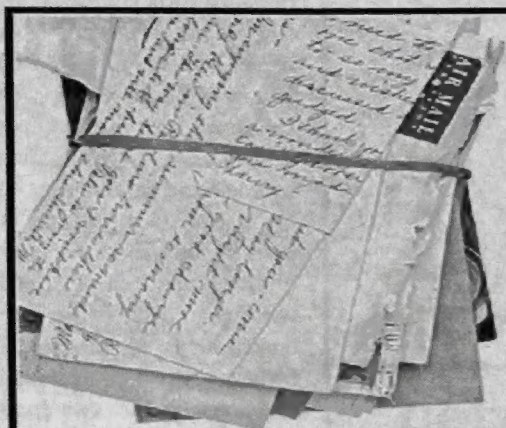
Centre invited to make presentation at Provincial conference on how municipalities provide leadership in the new creative economy;

Agnes Jamieson Gallery met national borrowing standards to bring in work from the National Archives about Minden;

We are also very happy to announce that the Cultural Centre was able to meet the cost of delivering our mandated programming through admissions, program fees, donation and grants. In fact, the Cultural Centre was able to enhance our annual budget by \$65,000 in grant funding from all levels of government.

These milestones show that the Cultural Centre and Minden Hills are well on the way to putting into action Ontario's new focus on building the economy through the creative industries.

Georgina Parkes, Chair
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2009 in Review

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Politics in the County have certainly not been limited to County Council and the four lower tiered municipalities. During 2009 there have been a number of outside influences that have had considerable impact on Haliburton and its residents or will help to shape the county in the future.

What could head the list of achievements this year are the efforts of Robin Simpson and Christine Atrill, co-founders of Fight Unwanted Mining and Exploration, along with a number of their strong supporters, and later of the founder of Cottagers Against Uranium Mining & Exploration, Susanne Lauten. The work and dedication of these people to fight further exploration and mining, not only in Haliburton County, but across the province, has made a significant difference.

For months FUME held public information sessions, forming coalitions and bombarding ministers with their letter writing campaigns, attending and making submissions to hearings on the Mining Act across the province, culminating finally with Simpson addressing the province's Standing Committee before final reading of the new act. Lauten also addressed the Committee and spearheaded a well orchestrated anti-uranium rally at Queens Park in September. All of their efforts were seen as excellent examples of contributions made on behalf of the residents in Haliburton County.

In cooperation with the Coalition for Balanced Mining Act Reform, FUME developed the three modest proposals concerning mining in Ontario, in essence requesting that the province reunite provincially owned mining rights with privately owned and municipally taxed lands, to strengthen the planning powers of municipalities giving them the ability to develop and enforce Official Plans that would restrict locations where mining activities could take place and finally asking that the government require comprehensive public review prior to allowing mineral exploration and mining to occur.

Finally their efforts saw some success late in October, with the passage of a new Mining Act. While nowhere near as progressive as many had hoped, the new act did incorporate aboriginal consultation in all mining legislation and regulations, introduced dispute resolution processes for aboriginal related issues, requires awareness training for those wishing to obtain a prospector's licence, strengthens environmental considerations during mineral exploration, creates an efficient, made-in Ontario map staking system and finally, protecting the property rights of private land owners who do not own their mineral rights.

Efforts to learn more about the impact of the G-8 Summit (and possible the G-20) on services and transportation routes within the county kept local politicians concerned and emergency planners hopping for some time, but ended in disappointment on many fronts. Not only were expectations for financial remuneration for planning and responding turned down, but efforts to promote the

county to the greatest extent possible during the G-8 by the County's Economic Development & Tourism department fizzled out entirely when it was finally learned that the G-20 would take place in Toronto and G-8 activities in Muskoka would likely be curtailed.

Early in the year and very close to the tenth anniversary of the first lake plan being established in the county, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations launched their Lake Planning Handbook for community groups. The handbook and the electronic resources that accompany it gives associations with the tools to develop a lake plan and provides access to sample plans, stewardship initiatives, surveys and the results of projects and workshops that similar groups have implemented across the province.

The Coalition of Haliburton Associations took on a much more formal structure during the summer. Twenty-nine representatives from property owners associations throughout the county gathered and chose their executive. Coalition members continue with the process of completing a lake area property owners' manual aimed at giving over 10,000 lake area property owners' access to information on septic system maintenance, fishing and hunting rules, local information, lake stewardship and ecological property



From left: Roger Young, Robin Simpson, MPP Rick Johnson, and Suzanne Lautens

management.

Part of this association's mandate is to consolidate the resources of its member organizations through the synergies of information sharing and coordinated group efforts. While the CHA has agreed so far that they will not become involved in political issues, it would seem almost inevitable that in order to be truly effective the political arena will be very hard to avoid in some instances, particularly when it comes to lobbying upper levels of government in support of their municipalities.

CHA members have already been working with the County on its Official Plan review and executive member Paul MacInnes has said that the Coalition is considering ways to bridge a compromise with the municipalities on how existing and future lake plans can coincide with or become part of official planning documents.

In September the Coalition hosted the first meeting of lake stewards from across the County. Common goals included long term lake planning for those who have not begun the process, educating new cottagers about environmental concerns, shoreline restoration, establishing testing for invasive species and heavy metals (for those with emerging uranium concerns), improved water testing, loon surveys, ice watches and enhancing spawning beds as well as finding ways to maintain and increase association memberships and volunteers to assist with stewardship responsibilities.

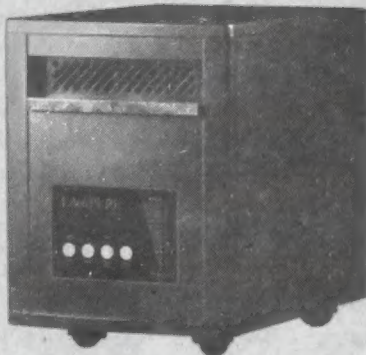
In the fall, the much anticipated plans of the federal government for the future of the Trent-Severn Waterway (TSW) were announced but were not well received. This response to a panel report submitted to the Minister of the Environment called "It's All About the Water" detailed the government's commitment to the renewal of the TSW and its importance as an extraordinary historical icon, as the largest watershed in central Ontario and one of the defining characteristics of the area and contained a brief outline of the measures that the government intended to bring forward, but they fell far short of the expectations of many, particularly in the absence of a independent water management agency.

Little Glamour Lake Cottage Association President Roger Young, who had recently withdrawn from the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow (CEWF or Coalition) took umbrage with both the report and comments made by MP Barry Devolin and proceeded to wage a strong campaign against the government's plans. Young was not alone in his disappointment, but the Coalition decided to move forward in efforts of continuing to work cooperatively towards protecting the reservoir lakes and further the hard work that they had already completed.

According to Devolin, the government's plan will bring greater clarity to jurisdictional issues by developing a memorandum of understanding with the Government of Ontario within the next

six months, detailing areas of collaboration and coordination; assuring the future of our water by establishing an advisory committee to engage users in the review of water management policies; working with municipalities and other organizations to fully develop a means of coordination on key issues such as waterfront development, leading hydroelectric development on the waterway as a means of encouraging the development of renewable energy; and working with heritage organizations to develop a heritage network that will encourage public awareness and education. ■

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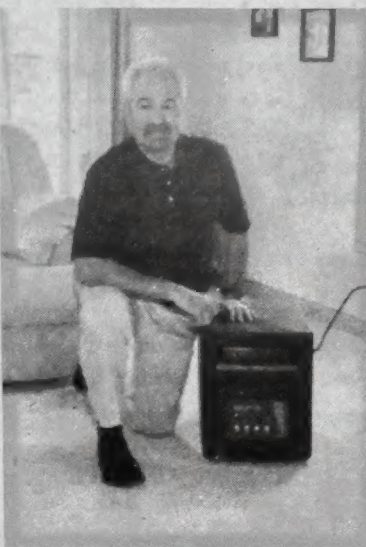


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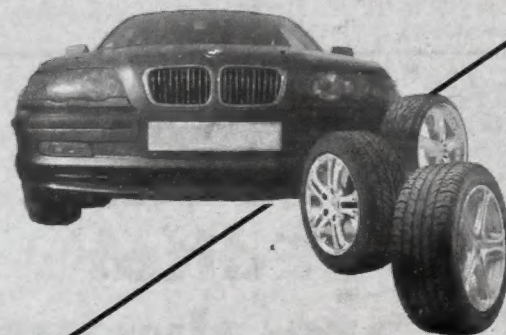


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Police Reports

Male Charged with Several Offences in Highlands East

(Bancroft, ON.) In the early morning of Monday the 28th of December 2009 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of break and enter in progress on Sprucedale Street in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that an adult male attended a residence on Sprucedale Street and physically assaulted and threatened another adult male at the residence. The male suspect left prior to police arrival but was later located, arrested and transported to the Bancroft OPP detachment.

26 year old Jonathon Hogan of Bancroft, Ontario has been charged with assault, utter threats and fail to comply with an undertaking, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. Mr. Hogan has been held in custody pending a bail hearing in Belleville on the 29th of December 2009. ■

Motor Vehicle Collision on Adanac Road

(Bancroft, ON.) On Tuesday the 29th of December 2009 Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, members of the Highlands East Fire Department and the Hastings County and Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services were dispatched to a two vehicle collision on Adanac Road in the Municipality of Highlands East.

Investigation revealed that a GMC SUV was travelling south bound and a Pontiac car was travelling north bound on Adanac Road. The vehicles collided causing major damages to the front of both vehicles.

The driver of the car, 19 year old Kraig KAVANAGH of Hastings Highlands, Ontario and one passenger sustained minor injuries and was not transported to hospital. Three passengers in the car were transported to Quinte Healthcare North Hastings with minor non-life threatening injuries and one passenger from the car was transported to Haliburton Highlands Health Services with major non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the SUV, 65 year old Douglas MACCORKINDALE of Highlands East, Ontario and the two passengers in the SUV did not sustain any injuries.

Investigation is ongoing in relation to the collision. ■

Driver Charged Impaired

(Haliburton, ON.) – Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male after stopping a vehicle on Thursday December 24th, 2009 shortly after 4:00pm on Highway #118 in the Township of Dysart et al.

The officer after stopping the vehicle, had conversation with the driver who was subsequently arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Jarett Jeffrey Milburn 25 years of Minden Hills Township has been charged with Impaired Driving, Driving Over 80mgs, Breach of Probation and a Provincial Offences Act offence. Mr. Milburn was held in custody pending a bail hearing. ■

One Fatality, One Near Death in Holiday Snowmobile Mishaps

Stephen Patrick
Editor

“Every time a firefighter goes on the ice there is a risk... Please helps us and use extra caution.” (Deputy Fire Chief Don Stephenson.)

Within a week Dysart et al Firefighters were called out twice to try and save the lives of snowmobilers who, in defiance of all the warnings issued by the OPP and the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, had ventured out on the treacherous waters of Haliburton's lakes.

One died, one survived. Scott Hartley, 43, of Toronto and Redstone Lake, died on January 1st: an unidentified 20-year-old survived a plunge into Drag Lake a week earlier.

OPP wraps up Festive R.I.D.E.

R.I.D.E. Program Continues To Educate Drivers: 2659 Vehicles Stopped in Haliburton County

(ORILLIA, ON) –In the ongoing effort to educate the motoring public about the dangers attributed to drinking and driving, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers were out in full force and checked over 1,174,224 vehicles on OPP patrolled roadways during this year's Festive R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiative. Locally some 2659 vehicles were stopped in Haliburton County, with six arrests made: details of the arrests were unavailable at press time.

This year's initiative was conducted from November 27 through to January 4, 2010. In the process, OPP officers issued 432 administrative driver's licence suspensions (ADLS) for criminal code related drinking and driving offences and a further 709 ADL suspensions for a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) in the .05 and .08 range. OPP laid a total of 5,329 charges as a result of this year's initiative, 298 of which were for impaired driving, over .08 BAC or for refusal to comply with a demand to provide a breath sample. The remaining 5,031 charges were for other Criminal Code, Highway Traffic Act, or Liquor Licence Act offences.

Comparatively, during the 2008 Festive R.I.D.E., OPP officers checked 884, 729 vehicles, made 319 arrests for criminal code alcohol related offences and issued 1,137 ADL suspensions.

New to this year's Festive R.I.D.E. program was the Ontario legislation which increased driver's licence suspension periods issued for a BAC between .05 and .08. Previously considered in the “warn range”, the legislation introduced in May 2009 prescribes that drivers now subject to a licence suspension which gradates from a minimum three to seven then 30 days for that level of BAC.

“While it appears that the message is slowly getting across to drivers, there are still people who think they are sober enough to drive when they aren't”, said OPP Commissioner Julian Fantino in response to the 2009 statistics, “the only truly safe level of alcohol consumption for drivers is none”.

While the Festive R.I.D.E. program is over for another year, the OPP wants to remind motorists that drinking and driving is never a good mix. Regular OPP R.I.D.E. programs continue throughout the Province all year long. ■

On December 23rd a cottager on the east side of Drag Lake noticed a snowmobiler going full tilt down the lake, then coming to a sudden stop. He appeared to be fine, until the cottager heard the piercing sounds of his emergency whistle. The cottager quickly called the Dysart fire department, who responded immediately, along with the EMS personnel. “When we got there, we saw that there was about 400 feet of water between the shore and the sheets of ice the snowmobiler was clinging to,” Deputy Fire Chief Don Stephenson told the Voice. “We don't have a rescue boat of our own, so we had to requisition a small craft from a neighbouring cottager. Next, two of our men went out wearing floating suits, with ropes. We then pulled the man to the boat over thin ice, and finally managed to get him in. The ice was breaking as we pulled him out. He's certainly lucky to be alive, and we're lucky we didn't capsize in the effort. At some places on these lakes there's a good eight inches of ice and then, suddenly there's just a thin skin, or nothing.”

The snowmobiler was transported to Haliburton Hospital suffering from hypothermia, and will make a full recovery.

A week later, on New Year's Day, the Dysart Firefighters were again called into action, this time at Fisherman's Trail, Redstone Lake. Sometime after 7 PM Scott Hartley was leading a group of friends across the lake when his snowmobiler plunged through ice which, according to the Firefighters, was less than two inches thick. Hartley's buddies managed to pull him from the water, but as the group was crawling to shore on the thin ice, Hartley broke through again, and disappeared. The OPP were called at about 10 PM, but couldn't find any trace: Hartley's body was recovered the next morning by the OPP's underwater search and rescue team.

Deputy Chief Stephenson said that the Fire Department will be discussing whether or not to ask the Municipality to buy a boat to aid in rescues such as these, and for crossing lakes in the summer to attend incidences at cottages with water only access. “But please, help us by using extra caution. Every time a Firefighter goes on the ice there is a risk.”

The OFSC issued a stern press release this week as well, stating that, “The OFSC recommends that snowmobilers ride open, land-based OFSC trails whenever possible. If you do make the personal choice to travel on ice by snowmobile, wait until a marked stake line is in place and cross only when you can follow it from shore to shore, without stopping on the ice. And remember, you always enter ice at your own risk: neither the OFSC nor its member clubs accept any responsibility or liability for ice crossings or variation in ice conditions.”

This year has seen exceptionally difficult lake and pond ice conditions because of the very mild November weather coupled with the huge snowfall of early December, which inhibits ice formation. ■

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EMS in Review

**“We have a staff of 48, and do
about 4000 calls a year.”**

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

EMS Director Pat Kennedy says that a lot has changed within the Emergency Medical Services Department over the past few years and evidence of that are the extra shifts this year that were not in place less than four years ago. Among other things, these vital shifts provided much needed extra coverage during holidays and an additional ambulance when required during the busy summer months of July and August.

Late in December the County Voice had a one on one with Kennedy, the Director of EMS for the County of Haliburton, to talk about the progress that the department has made and some of their plans for the future.

Kennedy first gave an overview of the progress of EMS, saying, “Things have changed dramatically for us over the last 20 years. The department has gone from a community driven operation to a highly professional business with a staff of 48 (24 full time and 24 part time), doing about 4,000 calls a year. Our budget is approaching \$4 million dollars annually, and even though 50 percent of that is subsidized by the province, it still has a very large financial impact on the people of Haliburton County.”

According to Kennedy, his department has taken on three very distinct roles; Emergency Medical Services, Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) and Emergency Management.

Coming up on his 30th anniversary with the ambulance service in the County in February, and his third year as Director of Emergency Services, Kennedy reminisced about the past. “Those days, we were all volunteers living within 10 minutes of the hall. We had limited training, just first aid and CPR but we were dedicated to providing a service much like our fire fighters are today.”

Since that time, the operation has become much more specialized, but Kennedy said that sadly some of the original community spirit has been lost throughout the process. “A lot of our staff members aren’t living in the community and it isn’t quite the same,” he said.

“We have a big budget, but even bigger struggles providing the appropriate services. One of the problems with our job is that it isn’t something we can plan for on a day to day basis. Most of the time we have adequate resources, but when things get busy, it can be difficult to staff another vehicle in a timely manner, especially with so many living out of the area.”

According to Kennedy, despite the vast geographic region that they cover (which almost equals the Province of Prince Edward Island) the department remains within a minute of the provincially required response times set for this service in 1996. “In 2008 our 90th percentile response time was 27 minutes to the mandated 26 minutes and four seconds,” he said. “With the expansion that has gone on in the County, particularly on the lakes, and the number of people taking up permanent residence in their cottages, I think we’ve done a pretty good job.”

Kennedy said that in their responses, they are required to meet a 90th percentile, meaning that 10 percent of the time it will take them slightly longer than the required 26 minutes to get to a call. “But our average response times in the County are actually in the 15 minute range. We hang our hats on 26 minutes as a standard but our average time is much better, particularly when our own service is responding.” Kennedy admitted that, even with additional resources, it would be tough to improve on existing response times.

But during 2010 the department will be developing new response time standards that the County can be comfortable with. These new standards will be implemented early in 2011. “There are two key response time percentage commitment components,” Kennedy said, “A six minute response time

commitment for cardiac arrest patients by anyone with an automatic defibrillator and eight minutes for fire or EMS to be on the scene.”

Patient call volumes have remained fairly constant over the last few years and have even dropped marginally, but the type of calls that the department is receiving has changed dramatically. Kennedy said that the department recognized the increasing pressures of maintaining adequate resources locally, and in 2006 implemented a policy of no longer providing inter facility transfers for non urgent, medically stable patients. Non urgent and inter-facility transfers have dropped considerably as a result, while urgent and emergency calls have almost doubled in the last nine years.

According to Kennedy many of the necessary diagnostic tools aren’t available in the County to help our physicians make good decisions and more and more patients are going out for CAT scans and other diagnostic testing. He also said that “Implementation of the LHIN’s new clinical services plan may increase our patient transfers and there is absolutely no doubt that there will be impacts from this decision.”

“Historically, transfer destinations were Peterborough and

Lindsay, but we’re seeing increases to places like Newmarket where there are strong cardiac institutions; just an example of how medicine is changing.” But there’s always a good side to things. Kennedy says that the reduction in non urgent transfers enabled the department to keep ambulances here in the County, ready and able to respond to local emergencies.

When it comes to the PAD (Public Access Defibrillator) program, Kennedy is very proud. “The progress that has been made with the program and the community’s response to it has been just great.”

According to Kennedy the program started out in 2007 with a suggestion by then Warden Eleanor Harrison. “We had a minimal (even non-existent) budget when we got

started and now we have 37 units in place within two and a half years. We have trained over 500 people, both at the sites and through mass CPR events that we have hosted.”

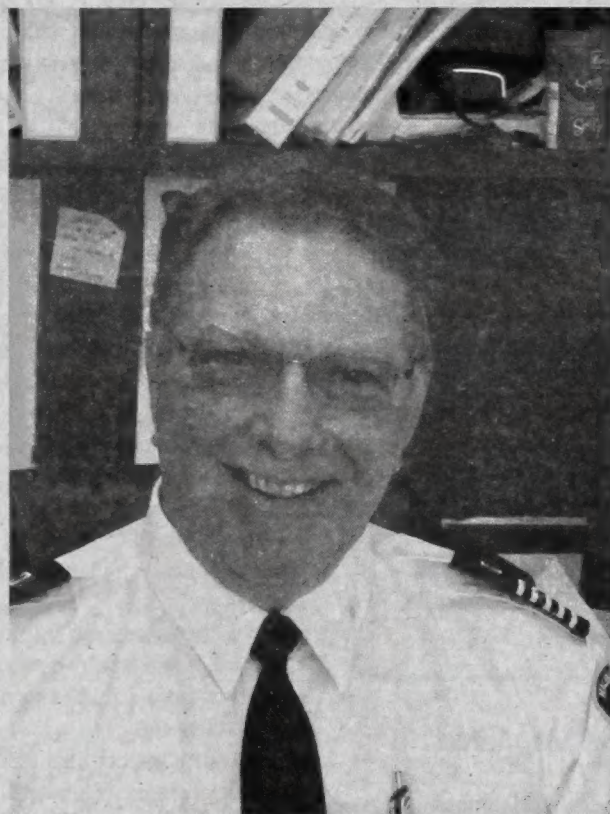
Kennedy said that the program is still operating on a budget of no more than \$5,000 a year thanks to the assistance of the Heart and Stroke Foundation who have provided \$145,000 in funding through their Chase McEachern Tribute Fund.

“We have reached a bit of a plateau with the program now that we have completed the public building component. We’ll be taking a look at the overall program during 2010 and making some recommendations to Council on future expansion plans.”

Finally there is the Emergency Management component of the department’s responsibilities. Kennedy said, “When it comes to emergency management the County is in a unique position. Normally we are simply an asset to be used by the Municipalities during an emergency. We don’t take the lead unless two or more municipalities are affected or we are responding to the request of a Municipality.”

Kennedy said that the County has made a lot of strides with the Municipalities to coordinate their activities and determine where they can count on each other for support. “The province is making a lot of recommendations on best practices, but they fail to follow up with the necessary financial support to achieve those goals, so there are time and budget implications for both the municipalities and the county.”

“We need to continue our work in coordinating the distribution of information. One very big initiative to complete has been



EMS Director Pat Kennedy

Dixie Lee Hosts Free Turkey Dinners

"Pay it forward is my slogan" says Leanne Marcovitz, the new franchise owner of Dixie Lee in Minden and that's certainly something she did over the holiday season. On December 23rd Leanne and her husband Jonah gave out free turkey dinners, they only asked for a donation or nothing at all. It was in order to raise money for the Minden food bank. Leanne explains that "I see the food bank struggling and local people too, not everyone can afford to buy a proper turkey dinner so this was our way of giving something back over the holiday period." Seven turkeys in total were donated by IGA, the Lady of Fatima Church and customers. The couple plan to host a turkey dinner from their restaurant on an annual basis. They managed to raise \$720 through the dinner donations along with regular customers leaving cash and food donations. 100 per cent of the proceeds were donated to the Minden food bank who had no idea Dixie Lee were raising funds for them, Leanne says that "they were very pleasantly surprised. It was awesome giving them the money, it tickled me pink." ■



Leanne Marcovitz and her husband Jonah, the new owners of Dixie Lee in Minden

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the identification and assessing of our emergency centres, and we have been concentrating on that this year which will go a long way toward streamlining the openings of centers by Social Services during an emergency.

"We'll continue to improve communications with the public and between upper and lower tier levels of government and continue in our efforts to ensure the safety of the people in the county."

Kennedy said, "My fear is that we haven't had the resources to act on some of the recommendations coming from the province. In order to raise the bar, the ultimate for us would be having a permanent position to work on emergency management throughout the County, but collectively (Municipalities and County) we're doing a great job with the resources that we have."

One of the major plans the EMS department has is to try to move from their rental base in downtown Minden out onto the Highway 35 corridor to improve their response times and their presence in the area.

"We've been actively looking at land for about a year, but it's difficult to find a suitable commercial property," Kennedy said. The department has made a conditional offer on a property on Highway 35 in Minden and have been doing some environmental assessment work to weigh the merits of the property and determine if any remedial work will be required.

This isn't the first time that the County has had their eye on a Highway 35 property. "We've made offers on two other properties in the last year, but they've fallen through."

Kennedy said that the location of the property under consideration would be excellent for them. "It will raise our profile and help us with issues that we often experience in the northern part of the county. There would only be two or three minutes difference in response time, but that can make all the difference."

It's an ambitious plan, particularly when all of the County's departments are being asked to tighten their purse strings, so Kennedy said that while they hope to continue with the purchase of the property, there is no budget at this time for construction. In the meantime, Kennedy said he's trying not to get too excited or do something rash like post plans on the wall. He said he'll continue to research funding for the base and leave the rest to Council to decide on how to proceed.

Kennedy said that the department continues to strive to supply the very best service with the resources they have, all the while taking steps to move further east. "We have identified Highlands East as an area of growth when it comes to EMS, and we need to ensure that we have a presence there and in Algonquin Highlands as well whenever possible."

Some of the internal challenges that the department continues to face include the implementation of a formal Return to Work Program, reducing work place related injuries, meeting Provincial and Base Hospital training requirements, and, as always, working with the demographics and sheer geographic expanse of the County. ■

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'In the Spirit' Tribute Show at Haliburton High

by Zoe Cittern



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students put on a talent showcase called 'In The Spirit' in late December to raise money for a fellow student and friend, Dillon Tilley. Dillon has been undergoing treatment for cancer and his courageous attitude and optimism has been an inspiration to the students and staff of HHSS. The students and staff had hoped to raise around \$800 and Principal Gary Mr Brohman offered to add to the money to make it up to \$1000. Instead the students raised an amazing \$1500. Elke Zilla a drama teacher at HHSS said that "we were afraid that not many people would show up but we were completely sold out."

Ms. Zilla initiated the idea of talent shows at the school four years ago but this was the first

time that the show was used as a fundraiser. Along with her Grade Eleven Drama Class they brainstormed ideas of what kind of show they could put on. The initial idea was to raise money for a class trip to go and see a theatre performance in Toronto and for drama programming. However as the ideas streamed in it became clear to them all that they wanted to raise money for an organisation or for someone who really needed it. Elke explains that "we looked at who needed it the most, we saw what Dillon was going through and some of the drama students know him well. It just seemed that this was the right person and this was the right time." Dillon was unable to make it to the show as

he was still receiving treatment in Toronto but Ms. Zilla said "he was so ecstatic when we told him, he was very grateful and he wasn't at all embarrassed to let his name go public." She adds that "the students realised that this was so much better than any old class trip to Toronto."

'In the Spirit' started at 7pm at the Northern Lights Pavilion to an excited crowd, with every single seat taken. The drama class and other high school students who auditioned took to the stage to showcase their talents through a number of different ways; juggling, singing, playing piano, dancing, acting out short plays and monologues and the HHSS fine art students



hung their work in the lobby for patrons to look at before the show got underway. The drama students explained that "we had complete creative control; it was really fun that we could do almost anything. We wanted to just make it really fun." The students continued by saying that "the money will go towards Dillon having the best Christmas yet, medical expenses and transportation to get to Toronto and hotel rooms are so expensive so we just wanted to make sure that his Christmas could be really special."

Ms. Zilla says that "we

decided to call it 'In The Spirit' so it could be in the spirit of anything, of love or passion or Christmas whatever the kids wanted it to be. I especially wanted them to get in the spirit of Christmas so that's why we did it right before school ended." The rehearsals started only a month ago but in such a short time frame the students managed to create a humorous and heart-warming selection of pieces. Ms. Zilla says that "there is such a strong community here and it was a very nice opportunity to showcase the strong arts we have here at the school, it was also nice for art,

dance, drama and music to come together under one house."

The Grade Eleven drama class also showed a preview of one of the plays they are currently working on, the play 'Under the Influence' involved heavy hitting issues such as drinking and driving and the students created dramatic and unsettling performances to bring the issue to the forefront. Seventy two students made the night a true inspiration to us all. Around the festive period it's sometimes easy to forget the spirit of Christmas but the pupils really highlighted the importance of giving. ■

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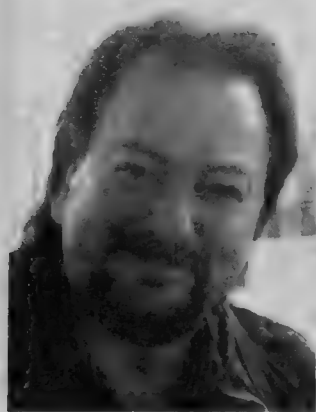
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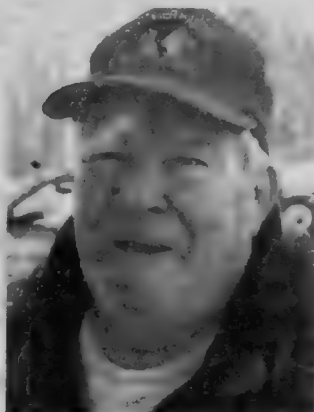
Have Your Say... VOX POP

Have you made a new years resolution this year? If so what is it? Do you make one every year? Have you broken it already? Do you think they are pointless?



Rick Lowes, Halls Lake

I'm trying to be a nicer person when it comes to answering reporters questions! I used to make them a lot when I was younger but not anymore, I quit smoking and that was one and I stuck to it as that was many years ago.



Art Latiner, Haliburton

I quit smoking two weeks before New Years Eve and I haven't broken it yet so three weeks in its going well. I've only made one and that's enough. I tried quitting smoking once before but it didn't work out. I think they are a good idea as long as people don't go to extremes with what they make.



Fiona Martin, Haliburton

I don't make them, it's not pointless there just doesn't seem to be a strong rate of success with them. Plus it shouldn't be just one special night to change something you should be mindful about it all the time not just at New Years Eve.



Wayne McMullen, Haliburton

I never keep them, I would break them all the time so I don't bother with them anymore I used to make them a while ago but not any longer. Their not necessarily pointless as there is some incentive there to improve on what you have chosen.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Pushing Earth's Limits

Some of the world's most eminent scientists published a warning that human activity has already pushed three of Earth's nine biophysical boundaries to beyond the planet's ability to self-regulate. Writing in *Nature*, they attempt to set "acceptable" limits on man's influence on environmental conditions such as climate, biodiversity, stratospheric ozone and chemical cycles like that of nitrogen. They suggest that for some of those conditions, like the use of nitrogen in fertilizers and loading of atmospheric carbon dioxide, humankind may have already exceeded the safety zone.

Firestorm Calamity

Fatalities from Australia's deadliest bushfires reached 173 in the wake of firestorms that razed entire towns and burned alive many fleeing residents who became trapped inside their vehicles. More than 5,000 Victoria residents were left homeless on Feb. 7 in a conflagration that came to be known as "Black Saturday." Beyond the human tragedy, millions of wild animals also perished in the blazes.

Homo Evolutis

Humanity's newfound ability to manipulate DNA, regenerate tissue and augment its capacities through robotics is putting us on the edge of becoming a new species, according to a leading researcher into the political impacts of life sciences. Juan Enriquez has dubbed the next stage in human evolution *homo evolutis*. He says our ability to create changes in DNA and biology may allow us to take the best aspects of other species and make them our own.

'Irreversible' Warming

The warming effect humankind has inflicted on the atmosphere will last at least a thousand years even if all the world's smokestacks and tailpipes were to suddenly stop spewing greenhouse gases, according to a report. NOAA senior scientist Susan Solomon and colleagues found that even if atmospheric carbon dioxide were to decline, the oceans, which have slowed down climate change by absorbing heat, would release that heat back into the atmosphere until at least the year 3000.

Tropical Cyclones

Typhoon Morakot became the most deadly storm to strike Taiwan in recorded history. It left 461 dead and \$3.3 billion in damage.

- The combined fury of typhoons Parma and Ketsana killed nearly 1,000 people in the Philippines.
- Entire towns in far northeastern Queensland were isolated by the "double whammy" of Cyclone Charlotte and high astronomical tides. Cyclone Ellie brought even worse flooding less than a month later.

Earthquakes

- An 8.0 magnitude under-sea quake sent a massive tsunami crashing into Samoa, Tonga and other Pacific islands on Sept. 29. Nearly 200 people perished in the disaster, which occurred on the same day that a 7.9 magnitude quake on Sumatra killed more than 1,100 people.
- The area around the central Italian city of L'Aquila was razed and 291 people were killed by a pre-dawn quake on April 6.
- A 7.0 magnitude quake in West Java left 79 dead and 210,000 homeless on Sept. 2.

Solar Pause Ends

A nearly two-year "drought" of sunspots during an unusually long pause between sunspot cycles ended in July. A new dark cluster formed on the sun's surface, then quickly grew to be nearly as wide as the solar system's largest planet, Jupiter. Dubbed sunspot 1024, it was the first big sunspot of the new Solar Cycle 24 and ended the longest absence of such features since 1913. NASA researchers had earlier discovered that lagging jet streams deep inside the sun were responsible for the prolonged solar pause.

Slushy Arctic Summer

Lingering summertime ice across the Canadian Arctic made trans-polar navigation more difficult during August and September despite two previous consecutive hot summers that provided virtually clear sailing. The Canadian Ice Service says pockets of more extensive freezing last winter and drifting concentrations of thick, older ice caused "choke points" across the Northwest Passage.

Earth's Only Immortal

A tiny sea creature with the theoretical ability to live forever may be growing in such numbers that it could eventually disrupt the maritime environment, according to a leading marine biologist. Maria Miglietta of the Smithsonian Tropical Marine Institute says *Turritopsis nutricula* is a jellyfish-like hydrozoan native to the Caribbean. But it has been spread around the world in ship ballast, creating offspring but not dying of old age.

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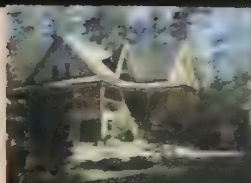


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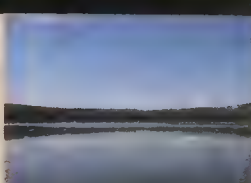


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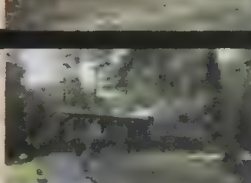


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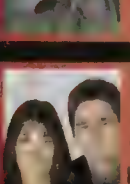


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Haliburton County Council in Review

Liz Daniels

There is no doubt that this was an interesting year for all, with the economy wavering on shaky ground, unemployment growing and a number of small businesses shutting their doors permanently. But at the same time, projects funded with Building Canada funds or stimulus dollars continued to be approved and get underway and the County was fortunate to have a number of its applications approved.

Early in June over \$6 million dollars in infrastructure projects across the County were approved including Minden's Riverwalk project, bridge projects, road improvements, water infrastructure, emergency measures and various recreation improvements. While the funding provided a boost to the economy of the County overall, the reality is that each member municipality faced either financing their one third share of the projects costs or using portions of their carefully accumulated reserves to complete the projects.

When it came to County projects, during the year just over \$2.84 million dollars were spent reconstructing a section of the Gelert Road (CR-1) from County Road 18 to the Hospital in Haliburton, repaving a section of Grass Lake Road to the Rail Trail, replacing a large culvert at Barnum Lake and a large multi plate on Glamorgan Road as well as refinishing 5.5 kilometres of County Road 503.

Building Canada funding was also approved for a \$1.58 million dollar project to complete 3.5 kilometres of County Road 21 and rehabilitate the Allsaw Bridge, a project that was completed during December, within budget.

Spring flooding in April caused large volumes of water in various locations to create washouts. The County was faced with over \$150,000 in unbudgeted costs to repair the damage, creating the first small dent in the roads department's budget.

In efforts to realize some savings, for the first time the County facilitated a joint \$1.235 million dollar tender with all four municipalities to purchase tandem snow plow trucks. Joint tenders were also prepared for surface treatment projects totalling \$1.925 million dollars to be completed in Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East.

Throughout the May long weekend County staff manned the Highway 400 information centre in Barry. The goal in dominating the centre for the weekend was to promote the County to weekend travellers in the hopes of influencing their next destination decision.

One of the projects that could very well have had the largest single impact in Haliburton County this year was the partnership with Bell Aliant to expand broadband services and fill in many of the gaps that existed. Residents, home businesses and offices were treated to improved services as fibre optic technology was installed.

Originally expected to run through into 2010, the project was fast tracked and, with the exception of Harcourt Park, almost all of the 4900 installations were completed by the end of December.

A new Endangered Species Act was passed early in the year, making Ontario a leader in species at risk protection and recovery. However, the legislation raised concerns with those in the logging industry that they would face additional hardships because of the act. The County's Director of Economic Development and Tourism agreed to act as a liaison between the loggers and the Ministry of Natural Resources with a goal of creating a better understanding of the Act and its impact on the County.

Continuing concerns about the expansion of the Stanhope Airport in Algonquin Highlands spread across the County throughout the year as both the County and each of the municipalities considered the risk of having to assume responsibility or provide financial support for the facility at some point in the future. Each of the lower tier municipalities and the County passed resolutions officially declaring their lack of support for the project.

In the late Spring Algonquin Highlands resident Andrew Kuzyk, who was concerned about damage to his trees and a reduced value on his property, challenged the County, saying they should have some jurisdiction over the airport. After receiving legal advice, the County denied having any authority or control over the airport. Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey summed their position up, saying, "Algonquin Highlands will be going forward with the knowledge that they do not have the support of the County."



County Council and their department heads at the inaugural meeting on December 16th:

Back row (l to r) Minden Hills Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon, Dysart Deputy Reeve Bill Davis, Warden Dave Burton, Algonquin Highlands Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie.

Front row (l to r) Planner Jane Tousaw, EMS Director Pat Kennedy, Economic Development & Tourism Director Robert Smith, County Librarian Bessie Sullivan, CAO Jim Wilson, Clerk Tamara Wilbee, Treasurer Laura Janke, Director of Public Works Doug Ray and Roy Haig, Manager of Engineering & 911 Services

Throughout the year several departments within the County looked carefully at stepping up emergency management plans in anticipation of the G-8 in Muskoka and any fallout into the County. Throughout the process the Council became increasingly aware that few benefits could be gained from promotional activities and little, if any funding would be available from upper levels of government to deal with the cost of emergency management. Finally, when the announcement was made that the G-20 would, in fact, be held in Toronto and activities in Muskoka might be scaled down, the County accepted that there will be little impact other than increased traffic and some restricted access in the northern part of the County.

Early in August, the County agreed to consider improvements to one of the 'Eight Wonders of Haliburton County.' The plan to improve parking and keep visitors off the road allowance at the little Heritage Church (Christ Church Essonville) on the Essonville Line in Highlands East continues to be investigated and is under budget consideration.

In August the County Council learned that negotiations for a comprehensive land claim, involving 8.9 million acres of land historically inhabited by the Algonquins were about to get underway. Most of eastern Ontario, all of Algonquin Park and lands within Algonquin Highlands, Dysart and Highlands East will come under consideration. A framework agreement for the negotiations should be in place sometime in the Spring of 2011 with the hope of a formal Treaty being in place sometime between 2014 and 2016.

Management models for the Rail Trail continue to be a matter of discussion with both the Economic Development and Tourism Committee and County Council. Early in the year things heated up considerably with the Council's trial approval of the use of Enduro bikes on the trail.

Throughout the year, a number of presentations have been heard by both Council and the committee on the future of the trail, with several discussions led by rail trail activist Pamela Marsales. Marsales, who is likely the most informed individual when it comes to management of rail trails across the country has urged County representatives to give greater consideration to groups being discouraged from the use of the trail due to increased motorized traffic and to embark on a more comprehensive consultative process before a decision is made on rail trail management.

Further compounding the issue of the Rail Trail, in November the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network advised Council that they would be closing their doors at the end of the year. Established in 1999, the organization was dedicated to developing and promoting trails within the County.

Despite a great deal of success being a catalyst for other groups to establish themselves and become operational, the lack of sustainable funding made their decision to close up shop final. The

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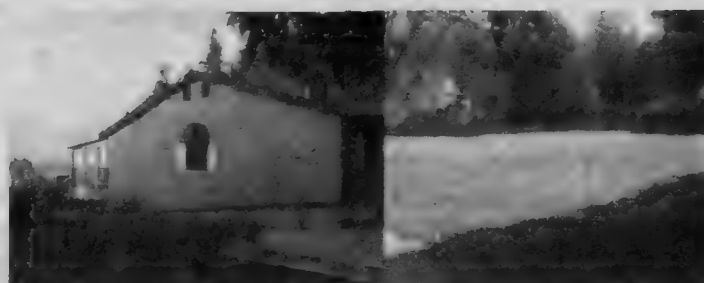
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Dysart et al Seeks Additional Funding for Streetscape

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al is not wasting any time as they prepare to submit an application to further the development of their streetscape plan for Haliburton's York and Highland Streets. With the announcement of the second intake of Ontario's Community Adjustment Fund being made in mid-December, the Dysart Council agreed this week to take another crack at funding a project aimed at revitalizing the heart of the Village.

The streetscape project which was developed by Brian Basterfield Associates, a Peterborough landscape architectural firm, includes two major changes as its core: first, the cenotaph area, now almost enclosed and lost behind a stone fence, would be opened out to become a more integral part of Highland Street, and levelled off to provide a commanding vista over Head Lake. Second, York Street would be radically altered to include more green

space and a different parking configuration, particularly in front of the Rail's End Gallery and the 4C's building.

Adding to the new gardens and entrances created last summer at the Rails End, the vision for the area includes a "much more people friendly space, with proper sidewalks, lots of trees, and generally much more useable and attractive public space." According to Basterfield, with the addition of the new Library, the whole street needs to be re-examined and re-defined, particularly as it is a major traffic route through the village.

At the launch of the streetscape project, Reeve Murray Fearrey said that the Council was prepared to fight hard to secure the necessary funding for the project. One application for \$100,000 was submitted last fall to cover the engineering portion of the project and with the announcement of a second intake, Council is going for another piece of the pie.

On Monday, Fearrey outlined various options to Council. As the municipality has, as yet, had no word on their initial application for engineering, he said, "We can apply once again for the engineering, or we can apply for the entire project which is estimated at \$2.3 million dollars." Fearrey also suggested that the project could be broken out into sections; the cenotaph as a priority combined with York Street, or the main street less the hydro installation.

"There's \$112 million dollars out there for all of southern Ontario, which isn't a lot of money. My gut reaction is that we shouldn't apply for the entire project as there will be more intakes. However, there is a focus on revitalization of downtown cores and I think we'll have the support of our local member (MP Barry Devolin)."

The Council discussed their options, and as Deputy Reeve Bill Davis put it, decided that "half a loaf would be better than nothing." The Community Adjustment Fund provides 50 percent of the funding for projects, but municipalities are eligible to apply for up to one hundred percent.

In deciding where their priorities lay with this project, Davis commented that the cenotaph is the entrance to the community, making that part of the project their top priority. Council were unanimous in their agreement.

Given the various funding options available to municipality's, the Council agreed that they would apply for two thirds of the funding required for the cenotaph/York Street portion of the project without the hydro component at this time. ■

County Council in Review

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Economic Development & Tourism Committee has assumed responsibility to try to mitigate the loss and work on a strategy to ensure that various aspects of the Trails and Tours mandate continue unabated.

In August the County Council had agreed to take the lead in an application for funding to the Trillium Foundation in support of mineral tourism. As much as \$350,000 would have been invested in the County over a period of five years developing this growing tourism industry. Unfortunately, while mineral tourism remains a matter of priority for future development, the application for funding has been put on hold, as this activity was one aspect of the Trails and Tours operation that requires further consideration.

After a number of interruptions from Blackberries and concerns about their members checking laptops for e-mail during meetings rather than following the agenda, the County Council likely set the bar for the municipalities by formally adopting a policy that nixed the use of Blackberries and other electronic devices during both County and committee meetings.

The Warden's annual golf tournament saw Council members, staff and invited guests, take to the picturesque course at the Haliburton Highlands Golf Club. Fourteen teams vied for a variety of prizes with the spoils of the day going to Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey's team. It should be noted that Fearrey was the event organizer.

Work that got underway in February continued throughout the year on the County's Official Plan review, with input being received from various interest groups, organizations and stakeholders. Draft policies were presented and well received at a public meeting held on August 28th. The Official Plan is expected to be adopted by early summer of 2010.

In November the County Council agreed to send a request to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care asking that the entire County be given an underserved designation rather than the four individual municipalities. The designation is intended to recognize and assist areas experiencing shortages of family physicians in rural and remote locations and to access additional recruitment and retention benefits.

For the County's Library Committee, this was a rather extraordinary year. Despite a few disagreements about funding, furniture and consultants' fees, the Committee along with fund raisers, volunteers, residents and dignitaries, celebrated the opening of two new libraries in grand style, first in Minden Hills and second in Dysart.

With the adoption of a new policy during the year to recognize long service in their employees, the Warden's Banquet in November took on special significance. Five awards were handed out for 15 years of service, five for 20 years, four for 25 years, two for 30 and two awards for 35 years of service.

On December 15th Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was elected to his second term as Warden for Haliburton County. Burton, who welcomed the role, warned his Council about a difficult road ahead and their meeting the following day was proof positive of that.

During the last meeting of the year, County Council learned that the 2010 budget would be impacted by a \$1.4 million dollar permanent reduction in provincial funding allocations across the County. Of that amount, \$1.2 million will be attributed directly to the County, representing an increase of 12 percent in the County's tax rate. The draft budget presented to them proposed a five percent increase across the board making a possible combined increase of 17 percent. All of the members were in total agreement that an increase in their portion of the taxes of that magnitude would not be palatable for anyone and department heads were advised to take their individual budgets back to the drawing board.

With the 10 to 12 percent increase that will likely result from further budget deliberations, no one could argue that 2010 did not have an auspicious beginning. Increases of that scale will be very hard to swallow, particularly when each municipality must deal with another approximate ten percent hike in assessment by MPAC.

Look to the next issues of the County Voice for year in review articles on general news and reviews from each of the lower tier municipalities for 2009. ■

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End of Year: People & Events 2009

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

As another year draws to a close and Haliburton residents say farewell to 2009 we'll look back at the events and stories that shaped the last year. Celebrations, commiserations and community spirit all ensured that the year was one we wouldn't forget. From one local young man making the headlines in hockey across the country to community members striving for change the locals have shown countless times that they might not have a lot in terms of resources or funding but with determined efforts they endlessly help those in the community who are less fortunate.

One of the biggest stories that came out of January was the announcement of Conservative Laurie Scott resigning as MPP on January 8th to make way for John Tory, the then leader of the official opposition in Queen's Park. Laurie Scott had been running for six years when she resigned so Tory could try to claim a seat after pressure from his party to do so. Rick Johnson who ran against Laurie in the 2008 provincial election declared that he would be running for the Liberals in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock by-election shortly after Tory's announcement. On March 5th Rick Johnson claimed victory as MPP and John Tory later resigned as provincial Conservative leader. Tory now hosts his own radio show 'The John Tory Show' broadcast in Hamilton, St. Catharines and Toronto, and is widely expected to run for Mayor of Toronto this fall.

The glorious Stanley Cup made its way to Haliburton in February and along with the Scotty Morrison Charity Hockey Tournament it was a chance to raise money for Community Care who provide resources to the aging and infirm population in the county. Fans came in droves to get their pictures taken with the cup



Jack Brezina and Shaun Chamberlin celebrate Minden's 150th



H1N1 Flu Shots in Minden

knocked down in late October. Reeve Jim McMahon said that "the company only does construction twice a year during the spring and fall." He added that once demolition is completed and site preparation is done, construction should get underway next spring. "I guess we just have to wait and see."

One particular story that came to the forefront of the pages in the Voice was the decision whether to keep the Wilberforce and Cardiff schools open. Declining enrolment numbers and mixed grades meant that an accommodation and program review had to be held. In early February and throughout the year members of the two communities came together to discuss and voice their concerns over the impending decision by the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. Impassioned speeches were made by parents of children who currently are enrolled at the schools and it seemed to work. In December of this year trustees for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board voted unanimously to keep both schools open albeit in different formats. It was revealed that students will attend Cardiff school from JK to Grade three and Grades four to eight will attend Wilberforce.

Another long standing problem that has made local news has been the fight to keep the one obstetrics bed alive in Haliburton. A 'clinical services plan' was presented by the Local Health Integration Network to the Board of the Haliburton Highlands

for a small donation and watch the hockey game. The event raised a staggering \$20,000. Surprising news came to the employees of the Pinestone Resort and Conference in early February that it would no longer be a Delta, instead the co-owners Vrancor would run the hotel exclusively without Delta who said that "there would be a shift from Delta's 'guest-centric' form of management to an 'awards and efficiency' model favoured by Vrancor. In other business news in the same month the Minden Canadian Tire construction was further delayed due to construction costs however the dilapidated

Health Services in late February that recommended that women in labour should travel to a larger centre, preferably in Peterborough or Lindsay. The CSP suggested that due to the low number of births taking place at the Haliburton Hospital in 2008 nursing standards might be compromised. (see editorial on page four of this issue.)

The month of March saw the community once again giving back. Two women Lindsay MacLean and Joanne Barnes manager of the Minden food bank started 'fuel for warmth' a new charity that aims to provide wood or propane to families in the county who are struggling for a brief period of time in the winter months. The Chamber Awards were announced in March which celebrated businesses across the county. Winterdance Dogsled tours were winners in the small business of the year and it has to be said that the Voice clinched the new business of the year award, which proudly sits on the front office desk. Another triumphant result for the community was when Places for People finally found a house after a long search. Places for People is a charity organization which is currently in the process

of renovating a house on George Street, Haliburton to be redesigned into two apartments to allow affordable housing in the community. Later on in May an incredible \$16,000 was donated by an anonymous couple to help towards the building renovations. Spring Splash kicked off at Sir Sams ski hill signaling the end of the snow and the start of spring. A bevy of riders came out in force, around 700 to ski for the last ride and around 100 thrill seekers took part in the ceremonial end to the season by flying down the slope into a cool pool of water.

Congratulations were in order for Minden in April and again in August

when they celebrated their sesquicentennial, 2009 marked 150 years for the village, local businesses and schools all partook in the celebrations one such which involved the task of baking 450 cupcakes for the students of Archie Stouffer elementary school. Our August issue number 28 was full of rich tales from the towns historical past, from the infamous Rockcliffe, Minden House to the D. Clergy House. Tying in with the historical events of 2009, local Haliburton resident Michael Barnes added another published book to his collection in April titled 'Haliburton- in Highland Ontario' which encapsulates the history of the area as well as modern Haliburton. Profiles of businesses, resorts, restaurants and public areas are all detailed in the writings. Another anniversary swept through April when the Highlands Summer Festival celebrated ten years of live theatre and music, they held a gala and recreated scenes from past performances. Construction at Silver Beech condominiums got underway in the latter stages of the month and the concrete began pouring in November. Silver Beech boasts 59 units; townhouses and bungalows which sit along the shoreline of Lake Kashagawigamog. They hope for clients to move in by mid-February.

Environmental efforts were put in place by grocery stores across the county and nationwide in May when they began charging customers five cents per plastic bag as an incentive to persuade people to reuse bags on a regular basis and more importantly to

cut down on the amount of them that end up in landfill sites. The five cent fee is still applicable in many local supermarkets and across the province and countrywide.

An ultra light plane crashed down into a hydro pole in the morning of May 12th in

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Wilberforce, the crash was the result of the plane engine failing, the owner Wayne Klapow walked away with cuts and bruises and no-one on the ground was injured. It appeared that it was not Klapow's first crashing landing. There was another crash of a different kind in the county later on in the month when a 100 year old barn in West Guilford came plummeting to the ground. The barn was a welcome feature on the rolling hills near the Lakeside Golf Club and it was notably missing however its owner Earl Cooper decided that it was time for it to depart due to its fragile condition.

Seven years and a lot of hard work and planning later the Riverwalk Bridge was set in place across the Gull River in Minden, ten minutes later and the job was done. The original vision for the Riverwalk was conceived by Linnea Baynton in 2002, the owner of the Wild Swan B&B and the next year the Riverwalk committee was formed.

One of the biggest news stories that came from this year and made headlines across Canada was Matt Duchene being selected third overall by the Colorado Avalanche in the NHL entry draft. Although it was fairly certain that he would be picked top three it was still a wonder what rank he would place and which team would pick him. Matt debuted with the Avalanche on October 1st and was already working hard for them when he picked up an assist on a power play goal. His first goal with them was 16 days later and two days later it was announced that Matt would spend the entire season with the team. Back in May we reported that "Duchene expressed an unwavering commitment to training hard this summer with the goal of earning a spot with the Avalanche." It looks like hard work really does pay off.

The summer months signalled the continuing effort of community spirit with the Relay for Life in June which raised an incredible \$170,000. An amazing amount for such a small community. What's even more incredible is that corporate sponsorship only accounted for \$30,000 so the remaining amount was pledged from individuals. 612 participants took to the streets and walked through the night with bands and entertainers willing them on. In the same month Matt Duchene signed one of his Brampton Battalion jerseys to be auctioned for the Dawsons Dream Fund. An initiative set up by the locals to help Dawson Hamilton a nine year old who has been battling leukemia since the age of five. Due to his ill health and fragile stature a bungalow would be the perfect housing for Dawson and his family and the fund was set up to realise that dream. Dawsons favourite sport is hockey so it seemed the perfect way for the jersey to be auctioned for the fund. Over \$5,000 was bid for the shirt which will go far in helping the Hamiltons.

Towards the end of June the first Doors Open was set up in Minden which was a way for residents and visitors to learn about the heritage sites through towns across Ontario. Many of us will nonchalantly drive or walk past sites that we take for granted on our way to school or work. However 'Doors Open' invited the public to venture inside these sites and take in the historic culture. Churches, houses, museums and eateries were all part of the Minden Doors Open, which included 'Twelve Mile Lake Church, Dominion Hotel, the Beaver Theatre, Bunkers Hill, the Irvine's Dome House and many more.

July signalled the start of what would normally be a hot and humid summer yet it brought wind, rain and overcast days. However the month also brought a season of entertaining amidst the rain. Actors came to the stage at the Northern Lights Pavilion Theatre to perform the well known stage play Annie. The month also meant the opening of the well loved Molou cinema which ran for seven days a week by the Crosby family until Labour Day. They hope to reopen next summer. Minden Fringe Festival ran for two nights at Wintergreen Maple Farm with seasoned writers highlighting the very best talent from the Highlands. Local comedienne Bridgette Gall performed along with other local stars.

July also sadly saw the tragic events of two deaths in the waters as a Guelph man, Gary Warren, was discovered from Crystal Lake after he went missing for two days after neighbours saw his boat without him in it. The second death happened in the Irondale River at Furnace Falls after a swimmer came into distress with the current.

August saw the announcement of Canada and Ontario commit together to give \$110 million dollars to Eastern Ontario for a regional broadband network, a welcome sign which means a huge impact on local businesses and the economy to prosper. Line ups swiftly began at a high speed internet launch a few weeks later at the Stanhope Community Centre as people came to pick up high speed modems which they had pre-ordered it was certainly a much missed source in the area. Another celebration was in order when the Beaver Theatre in Minden opened its doors after a long closing, the place was brought back to life and although it is in hibernation mode until spring the short season saw a calypso band 'KoboTown' play, the Haliburton International Film Festival take place, book readings by the authors, the Chamber of commerce's

AGM amongst others all showed that the place could be a multi-purpose venue.

Later on in the month two local boys from Minden; Almoor Gowani and Xavier Levely were heroes when they rescued a man from the Gull River. The Minden man was struggling to stay above water so the boys tossed him a life preserver and kept him in a shallow part of water while they called for help. The man was then taken to hospital, accessed and later released.

September saw the beginning of the new school year and the opening of the new library in Minden on the 8th. The 5000 square ft area boasts an array of computers and books in a much more serviceable capacity to keep up with the influx of members.

Residents from the county of Haliburton have showed countless times that they are not afraid to donate to worthy causes and help out their neighbours something that a local man Reg Argyle showed us all this year. Reg moved to Minden in the 1980s and then to Hyland Crest at the age of 96, when he passed away in his 99th year he left a very special gift behind in his will; \$41,000 which went towards the stationary ceiling lifts fund. The 16th annual Terry Fox run was completed on September 13th and although the pledges were less than the year before the county managed to raise \$8,000, compared to Peterborough's run which raised \$10,000 it really tells you something.

Thanksgiving weekend saw the 22nd annual studio tour in



Laurie Scott and John Tory face the press

Haliburton County for residents and visitors to explore through the back roads the diverse arts community that is scattered across the region and the differing mediums that are right on our doorstep. Talented artisans opened up their studios for visitors to explore their work area and to see the beautiful art that they create everyday.

The middle of October saw the tragic events of the Village Barn fire that ripped through the housing and destroyed many of the businesses inside. Relative normalcy has been restored now for the meantime the businesses moved elsewhere permanently or some such as Masters book shop were given temporary space to continue their businesses. Owner of the barn Anthony vanLieshout spoke to The Voice in November and he said that he expected the Barn to reopen sometime in January.

The swine flu bug hysteria was flashed across the pages of the news for the latter stages of the year and the line ups to get the jab stretched far and wide. There was a noticeable increase in student absenteeism rates with some schools reporting it as high as 35 per cent. Even the Minden RiverKings had to cancel games due to the teams' ill-health. However as the weeks passed the threat seemed to decrease and the queues for the jab became less significant.

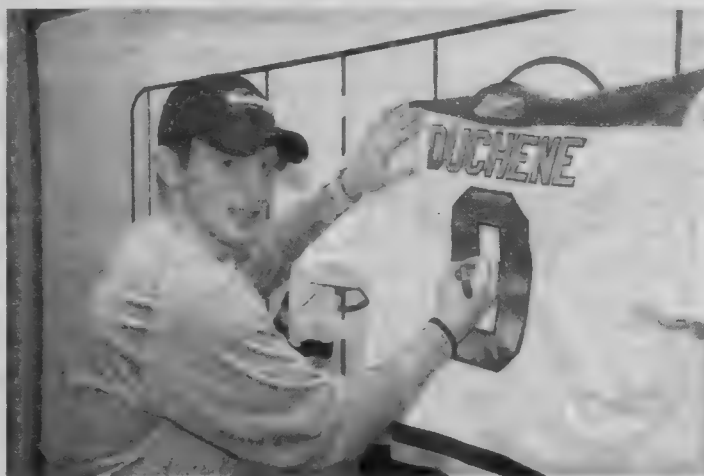
Towards the end of the year we saw how the Countys most favourable and distinguished areas changed significantly or came to a temporary close. The Wigamog Inn abruptly closed its doors on November 1st with little notice given to guests or staff. No formal word has been given from management and it is still unknown when the Wig will reopen, although rumours suggest a May date.

There was another abrupt and shocking end in the region when the Minden RiverKings franchise disbanded. It's owner Derrick Randles could not continue ownership due to financial reasons and he is now back in his hometown in Texas. Evan Kemochar the former coach of the team was left to pick up the pieces and to help the players find new teams to go to. The RiverKings name will never be a part of the League again but there is a chance for someone to start a new franchise in Minden.

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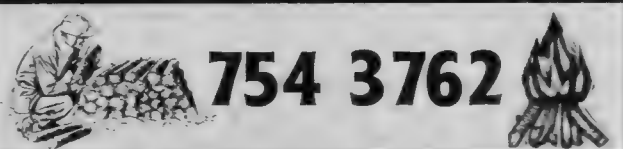
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My problem as general manager is I can't think of
another place to play. ~Pat Williams

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County Boys Make their Mark in the World of Curling

Lyn Winans

Photojournalist

Haliburton County has been successful in producing top-notch hockey talent, as can be evidenced by the players who have reached the pinnacle of the sport in the NHL. The success of the girl's senior field hockey team at COSSA reminds us however, that ice hockey isn't the only sport in which our young athletes have excelled. Curling is another endeavor where local kids are making their mark in a big way.

Recently, Jake Walker's junior men's rink won the championship at the prestigious Toronto Curling Association Bonspiel, earning an all expenses paid trip to the Vancouver Olympics to cheer on Team Canada. Owen Duhaime's team took top bantam honours.

When asked about his team's win in Toronto and the trip to Vancouver on Feb 17th, Jake explained why this win was especially satisfying. "I'm very thrilled by the win. I have been runner up at this tournament twice before and won the consolation event once, each time missing out on the trip to Switzerland. This year they changed first prize to a trip to watch the Olympics, so we chose the right time to win it! I'm very impressed with how well my team played and how well I played. Our goal now is to carry this performance over to provincials and win that as well, to represent Ontario at Nationals."

Of the eight junior teams that qualified for the Ontario Provincial championship finals, three are either skipped or viced by young men who learned the game through the Minden Curling Club youth program. In November, the teams of Jake Walker, Connor Duhaime and Edward Cyr qualified separately for the 2010 Junior Men's provincial competition, which was held in Teeswater, Ontario on January 2nd through 6th. Qualification required winning at zone level where 64 teams played down, and then being victorious in the 32 - team regional competition where the top eight teams were determined. Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime also qualified at zone level but did not advance past regionals.

The winners of the provincial competition will play at the nationals in Quebec, and the best of nationals will go on to curl in the junior (20 years and under) world championship in Switzerland.



Edward Cyr throws the rock

Locals Jake Walker and Connor Duhaime skipped the Westmount Golf and Country Club and Peterborough Curling Club rinks respectively and Edward Cyr viced for the Navan (east of Ottawa) entry during the provincials. Provincial results will be forthcoming in next week's edition of the Voice.

Jake, Edward and Connor's curling talents took root at the Minden Curling Club when they were all members of the junior program at about ages

eight and nine. Their accomplishments began shortly thereafter when they entered a team, along with Edward's sister Chantal, in the Timbits Elementary School Competition. Twice they placed third in a field of one hundred.

The boys continued to play together during their years at HHSS, qualifying for many Gore Mutual and Ontario Federation of Secondary School Athletics provincials. Last year, Connor



Timbits Curlers in Grade 7: Jake Walker, Edward Cyr, Connor Duhaime, and Chantal Cyr.

Duhaime's rink, which included Curtis Nichol, who had been a member of the Haliburton junior curling program, and Jake and Connor's younger brothers, Jesse and Owen, won Gore Gold and OFSAA bronze.

Jake, Edward, and Connor have amassed a hefty list of credentials including: Bantam provincial champion (Jake), Bantam provincial bronze (Edward and Connor), Optimists International Silver Medalist (Jake), Ontario Winter Games bronze (Edward and Connor), Gore Provincial Gold (Connor), OFSAA bronze (Connor). Younger brothers, Jesse Walker and Owen Duhaime along with local curler, Curtis Nichol also participated in some of these competitions, and shared the awards.

Connor and Jake completed the 08-09 Ontario Junior Curling Tour ranked 4th and 5th respectively with Ed's team close behind in 7th. Ed and Connor's teams completed the 09-10 tour ranked 1st and 9th respectively. Jake's team played in very few junior bonspiels this year choosing to augment their skills and gain



experience on the men's tour instead.

So it certainly appears that hockey is not Haliburton County's only sports success story, maybe some of these talented young curlers will one day be at the Olympics again, but in a role beyond that of Team Canada supporters. ■



Jake Walker in the Hack (Photo by: — rockstarscurling.com)

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Highland Storm Bantams Win Gananoque Tournament

On December 27th 2009 The Highland Storm Bantam Representative team made the trek to Gananoque Ontario for an Invitational Bantam Hockey Tournament.

The local boys had their game faces on right from the get go. They sent the Oshawa Jr. Generals to the "B" side of the tourney by outscoring them 7-0 with Jordan Hamilton picking up the shut out. Game # 2 pitted the Storm against a familiar foe in the Bancroft Jets.

In two preseason exhibition games the Storm had beat the Jets 4-3 & 5-4 in a pair of feisty matches. On this day the Jets were out for some retribution & came at the Storm full tilt! Despite having a 6 on 3 advantage for the final 40 seconds of the game due to penalties & a pulled goalie the Storm hung on for a 3-3 tie in regulation. This contest would be settled by a shoot out where Storm goalie Braydon Frost was the hero in the Storm victory. In the "A" Championship game the Storm were down a couple of skaters but once again Jordan Hamilton was back in the twine & played awesome as the Highland Storm Bantams defeated the Napanee Stars to capture the "A" Championship.

The Lakefield Chiefs won the "B" Championship by defeating the host team "Gananoque Islanders" in a shoot out. Congratulations to the Highland Storm Bantams for their tournament victory & best of luck in the upcoming O.M.H.A. Playdowns.

The Highland Storm Bantams would like to thank their team sponsors "Haliburton Timbr-Mart & Subway".

Wade MacInnes - Bantam Team Manager ■

Highland Storm AEs Win Twice, Prepare for Silver Stick Finals

This Sunday Jan 3/10 saw the team get together for our first games since Christmas. These two games were rescheduled for a second time because the Highland Storm Atom AEs will be travelling to Niagara Falls this Wednesday January 6/10 to participate in the International Silver Stick for which they are division champions.

The boys played two games back to back against Huntsville in Baysville. In the first game the team showed they had not played for while but managed to come up with a 3-2 win. Goals being scored by Jack Dobie, Owen Smith and Greg Crofts, assists by Jacob Haedicke, Jake Bull and Greg Crofts. In the second game the boys seemed to have found their hockey legs and smarts, to pull out a 4-0 win, another shut-out for goalie Anthony Bertucca, with goals by Owen Smith, Greg Crofts and Alex Wilbee, assists by Jake Bull, Greg Crofts and Trevor Turner.

Thank you to everyone for your support.

Karena Crofts, Manager
Highland Storm Atom AE ■

End of Year: People & Events 2009

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The start of November however saw another change with the election of the first female president of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association; Rosemary Vanstrien. More good news came to Haliburtonians as Moon Shadows Estate Winery cinched a goal medal at the prestigious InterVin International wine awards.

One of the more bizarre stories that came out of the month of November or in fact out of the entire year was the sovereignty group story. Five men and one woman were charged with unlawfully being in a dwelling house after taking over a Kennis Lake property on November 10th after claiming "it was their God given right." They believe they shouldn't have to pay for anything which led them to allegedly shoplift at Dollos IGA weeks before they broke into the cottage on Kennis Lake. They went to court on December 2nd and again on January 6th. The group are followed with cameras operated by Niagara college film students who are producing a documentary about the group. When the sovereignty group last spoke to the Voice they said that they had "planned something else, it was just a matter of when we will carry it out."

17th November marked the opening of the brand new Dysart library which is now able to house many more items than the older location. The grand opening was 12 days later and saw close to 300 people coming to welcome the new and improved library. The month also saw the end of SIRCHs 'Chef of the Month' initiative, a program designed to highlight the high poverty rates in the county. Chefs from across the region were challenged to come up with a meal plan based upon a family of four for just \$6.50 a day, none of the chefs completed the challenge although Susan Haedicke of Halimar resort was just four cents over. At the time she said that "it comes with a sad of what reality is for many families in our communities."

The summer may have been a wet and cold one so it was a nice surprise when November turned out to be a balmy and mild month yet we all wondered when the snow would begin to start falling. Well Haliburton County got its answer on 10th and 11th December when the skies opened



Heroes Almoor Gowani and Xavior Levely

a plaque of thanks to the hotel in return for the long standing piano they gave to Nick Jonas who penned a hit song on it



The big blast of December 09 hits Minden

without forgetting to stop at Archie Stouffer while Stuart Baker students sang their hearts out at their annual Christmas concert. Once again people of the county dished out holiday kindness

with Grumpys taxi service transporting people to and from the 4Cs to collect their Christmas assistance completely free of charge. SIRCH volunteers spruced up their community kitchen food boxes by adding Christmas goodies and the city of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton County OPP Auxiliary unit asked the public to help them fill their cruisers with food along with the Minden Fire Department so they could donate the items to the Christmas Basket program as part of the Minden Food bank.

2009 was a series of highs and lows with some stories such as the decision on the obstetrics bed still on-going into 2010 and with the reopening of The Village Barn, The

Beaver Theatre and the Wigamog this coming year looks to be an exciting one. ■



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It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You're capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's a good idea to be careful about expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

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15 Crone
16 Makes merry
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18 Terminal
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30 Force out
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37 At — and sevens
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40 Social climber
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42 Molten rock
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46 The sound of little bells
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55 Spare fare
57 It becomes ewe?
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92 Big rig
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94 Emulate
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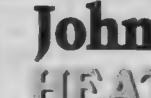
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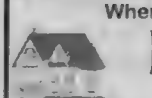
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Betsie (Barbara) Kanters
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Peacefully, on Monday December 21, 2009 in her 81st year with her family by her side. Devoted wife of John Van Den Hoogen and Peter Kanters (both predeceased). Beloved mother of Frank (Deborah, predeceased), Louise (Marlene), Nicole (Don). Cherished Oma of Dawn (predeceased), Kevin, Ryan & Adam. Dear sister of Petra, Trudy, Tina, Ferdy, Henry, Louie and predeceased by John, Rien, Mien, Bill and Ferdinand. She will be missed by her extended family, and many nieces and nephews in Canada, USA, Holland, Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

Visitation & Funeral Mass

Friends may call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9. Then to OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH 7 Bobcaygeon Rd, Minden, Ontario on Monday morning, December 28, 2009 for Funeral Mass at 11 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to SIRCH or ALS Ontario would be appreciated by the family.

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Edna Irene Nichol (nee Giles)
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Monday morning, January 4, 2010 in her 79th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Nichol of 49 years. Loving mother of Robert and his wife Anna Sicoli and Hugh and his wife Stephanie Kuno. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Andre, Rosanne, Curtis and Thomas. Dear sister of Caroline Shaw, Pauline Lapp, Margaret Armstrong, Shirley Sisson, Stephen (Marilyn) Giles. Predeceased by her two infant sons, her sisters Lois Roberts, Helen Giles and her brother (James) Tidy Giles. Also lovingly remembered by her many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday morning, January 7, 2010 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHS Foundation) would be appreciated by the family.

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Eleanor Peel
(Resident of Bancroft, Ontario)

At Hospice North Hastings in Bancroft on Saturday December 19, 2009 in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Gordon Peel (2004). Companion of George Chimel. Loving mother of Brenda Coty, Judy (John) Schneeberger, Glen Hitch, Gord (Debbie) Peel, Dan Peel, Rebecca (Bob) Mclellan, Debbie (Drew) Allman and Sharon (Dennis) Sylvestre. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Stephanie, Bridget, Chastity, Denise, Shiloe, Chris, Nicholas, Ermon, Malachi, Harmony,

Kevin, Brandon, Vanessa and Alana and by her great grandchildren Olivia, Nathan, Ella, Riley, Matthew and Owen. Dear sister of Roland, Robert, Roger, Mary-Mae, Rita, Rose-Marie and Isabelle. Predeceased by her son David Hitch, and her brothers Clifford and Orville.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to a Memorial Service at the HIGHLAND GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE 5373 Loop Road, Highland Grove, Ontario on Saturday afternoon, January 16, 2009 at 1 o'clock. Interment later Deer Lake Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Hospice North Hastings Bancroft would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Leon Mailman
(Resident of Gooderham, Ontario)

At Haliburton Hospital on Sunday evening, January 3, 2010 in his 76th year. Dear brother of Barbara Selig of Deep Brook, Nova Scotia, and Joy Peck of Bear River, Nova Scotia. Predeceased by his brothers Eugene, Shirley and Fred. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at the Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham in the Spring. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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DEATH NOTICES

Albert "Ross" Madill

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital, on Tuesday, December 22, 2009. In his 80th year.

Beloved husband of Irma (nee Haywood) for over 56 years. Dear father of Sylvia of Gooderham and her husband Michael Abrams of Coe Hill, grandfather of Tammy and her husband Ed Boomhour of Gooderham, Carmen Abrams of Gooderham and great-grandfather of Jacob and Kandice Boomhour and Samantha Smale. Dear brother of Gordon (Ruby) of Gooderham, Alfred (Luella) of Gooderham, Ruby (Harl Alden) of Wilberforce, and predeceased by William of Beaverton and Walter Brechin.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gooderham United Church on Sunday December 27th, 2009 from 2:00pm-5:00pm and on Monday December 28, 2009 from 12:00 until the time of the Funeral Service at 1:00pm. Reception to follow in the church (downstairs). Spring Interment Glamorgan Cemetery, Gooderham.

Memorial Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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HARTLEY, Scott

Suddenly as a result of a snowmobile accident at Redstone Lake on Friday, January 1, 2010. Scott was the loving son of Irene Hartley and the late Trevor Hartley. He was at his favourite place on earth, Redstone Lake. Scott was a good friend to many, always willing to help. Redstone's resident "Handy Man". The family will receive friends at the Ogden Funeral Home, 4164 Sheppard Ave. E., Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a Funeral Service to be held in the Ogden Chapel at 12 p.m. Reception to follow. Cremation. If so desired memorial donations to the Heart & Stroke would be appreciated by the family.

William "Bill" Welsh



Peacefully with family by his side at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Monday, December 28, 2009, Bill Welsh of Bobcaygeon at the age of 81. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Roberta Welsh, in 2006. Father of Nancy Welsh of Burnaby, BC; Barbara Welsh of Peterborough, Joanne (Brett) Irvine of Haliburton and the late Gloria. Grandfather of Colin Johnston and Shawn Welsh. Great-grandfather of Cody and Josh Johnston. Brother of Ethel Hockett of Oshawa, Isobel Truckle of Lindsay and the late Hazel and Gladys. Bill was employed by the Toronto Transit Commission for 30 years as a bus, streetcar and subway driver. Bill retired from the TTC at age 53 and farmed in Fenelon Falls until he retired again and moved to Bobcaygeon. Family and friends will be received at Monk Funeral Home, 6 Helen Street, Bobcaygeon (866-393-0063 or 705-738-3222) on Friday, January 1st from 7-9 p.m. and on Saturday, January 2nd from 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the chapel on Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 1 p.m. Interment Ingoldsby Cemetery in spring 2010. If desired, memorial donations to the Peterborough Regional Health Centre "Surgical Ward" would be appreciated.

Erven 'Scotty' Hoxie
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at Extendicare-Haliburton on Sunday evening, January 3, 2010 in his 79th year. Husband of Edith Hoxie (nee Black). Predeceased by parents Elwood Hoxie and Elizabeth MacGillivray - Hoxie - Preston, and his sister Lila Emily Hoxie.

Graveside Service

A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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Robert "Bob" Barclay
(Retired Etobicoke Board of Education)

Peacefully with his family by his side at Haliburton Hospital on Sunday afternoon, January 3, 2010 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Audrey Barclay (nee de Moulipied). Loving father of Andrew and his wife Lesley of Sharon and Jody Barclay and her husband Larry Jacklin of Etobicoke. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Drew, Kara, Liam, Marshall, Spencer and Turner. Dear brother of May of Montreal, Quebec.

Visitation & Memorial Service

A Private Service was held. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209

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HHHS Emergency Department Patient Satisfaction Survey Results

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services

visiting the Minden site and 447 people visiting the Haliburton site. The overall survey response rate was 26.3 percent.

In September I wrote about an Emergency Department Patient Satisfaction Survey that was planned for the Haliburton and Minden ER's. Measuring patient satisfaction is becoming increasingly common and provides healthcare organizations with excellent feedback on their performance. Without having a measure to compare to it is difficult to identify and overcome potential weak areas of performance or to identify gaps in services. Many hospitals contract with external firms to acquire patient satisfaction information but in this era of

increasingly limited budgets HHHS decided upon an in-house strategy and conducted its own survey. Taking this route saved the corporation approximately 20K which we have been able

to allocate to our front-line operations.

Our patient satisfaction survey was conducted over a two week period between September 21st and October 4th. It consisted of 10 questions and all patients who visited our ERs over that time period were provided with a survey to complete on site or take home with them and mail back to us in a postage pre-paid envelope provided by HHHS. The surveys were colour coded to differentiate results between sites. The surveys were anonymous as we wanted to ensure the confidentiality of participants as well as to encourage impartial feedback. Locked drop boxes to deposit the surveys were available near the exits in order to maintain anonymity.

Over the two-week period in which the survey was conducted HHHS had 970 ER visits with 523 people

The 10 questions dealt with five general areas:

Wait-times - Patient registration services - Nursing services - Physician services, and Overall impression of ER services

The survey results were extraordinarily positive. Wait-times and the registration process received excellent ratings with 90 percent of Haliburton patients and 95 percent of Minden patients registered in under 15 minutes. 90 percent of the Haliburton patients and 99 percent of the Minden patients reported being very satisfied with the registration process, while 98 percent of Haliburton patients and 97 percent of Minden patients expressed high satisfaction with the "friendliness" of the registration nurse.

Nursing services in general also received positive feedback. 100 percent of Haliburton patients and 98 percent of Minden patients felt their nurse acted in a friendly manner and treated patients respectfully. 100 percent of Haliburton patients and 98 percent of Minden patients felt that the nurse listened to them attentively. 92 percent of Haliburton patients and another 92 percent of our Minden patients felt that the nurse fully explained procedures related to their care.

In terms of physician services 82 percent of Haliburton patients and 95 percent of Minden patients expressed satisfaction with the time it took for them to see a doctor. 96 percent of Haliburton patients and 95 percent of Minden patients felt their doctor was friendly and courteous while 93 percent of Haliburton patients and 97 percent of Minden patients felt that their physician communicated well with them.

On the final survey question addressing overall satisfaction with the quality of care received, 89 percent of Haliburton patients and 95 percent of Minden patients expressed satisfaction with their healthcare experience.

While we are very pleased with the survey results and the quality of care that patients receive when they access services at either site, we are nonetheless extremely motivated to find ways to improve. Our wait-times to see a physician, although generally excellent, presented as a concern for some patients. As such, we need to do a better job informing those waiting about the nature of any unanticipated delays. For instance, it is not uncommon for HHHS to send an ER nurse currently on duty out with an ambulance or transport service so that a patient can receive specialized services or diagnostic support in transit. When this happens it causes a delay in the ER for patients who are waiting to be seen, as it requires time to arrange for staff backfill.

To make waits easier and more productive, we will be placing video screens in our ER waiting areas in 2010 to keep patients better advised about their wait time and about healthcare matters in general. Such an information system would have been helpful to educate patients about pandemic precautions and community resources during the H1N1 outbreak.

As an update on a few other issues I am pleased to report that HHHS just received its final report card from Accreditation Canada and we received full reaccreditation status. This means that we met or exceeded the quality benchmarks in the services that HHHS provides to the community. All staff at HHHS are congratulated for their remarkable efforts over the last year to achieve reaccreditation.

HHHS is also close to completing its next 3-year strategic plan. The HHHS Board will be in a position to release the organization's updated list of priorities to the community in February 2010. ■

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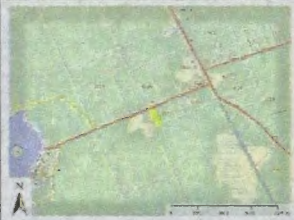
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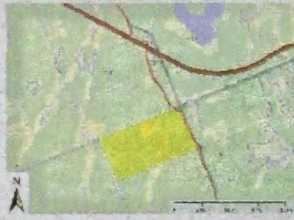
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Great getaway cabin in the woods on 2.65 acres. Cozy up to the woodstove & enjoy the fresh country air. Newer siding, doors, windows & decking. New drilled well, steel roof & shutters. Partially landscaped with new evergreens & gardens, cedar rail fencing, gated with new circular gravel driveway. Plus more.

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121 ACRES - \$89,900



Nicely treed acreage, great for hunting camp. Pond located on property. Small shed. Lots of wildlife. Great getaway to build your dream country residence.

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LONG LAKE - \$439,900



Gorgeous lakefront cottage within 10 minutes of Haliburton Village w/ easy access on a yr rnd municipally maintained rd. Bright open concept design w/ lge lakefront picture windows leading out to spacious decking for entertaining. Loaded w/ cozy pine finishings incl. log stairs. Well landscaped lot kept nicely treed for minimal maintenance, gently sloping to extensive decking & docking. Plus more.

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MCCUE LAKE VIEW - \$99,900



3 bedroom starter home. O.F.S.C. rail trails will take you for miles of entertainment. Community playground across the road. Well maintained landscaped lot with built-in outdoor fireplace. Heated insulated workshop. Bathroom renovated with ceramic floors and ceilings, new oil furnace, drilled well and pump.

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MOUNTAIN LAKE - \$474,900



Estate sale - rare opportunity! 2 separately deeded direct waterfront lots on beautiful Mountain Lake (2 lake chain) offering 190 ft frontage & 1.54 acres of lakefront. Clean shoreline with lakeside boathouse with decking area, loft and dock. 3 bedroom, 1.5 washrm 'viceroy' style home / cottage w/ pine features cathedral beamed ceilings, stone floor to ceiling fireplace with insert, nice covered deck with screen.

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MISKWABI LAKE - \$459,900



Partial point lot with sand cove - 122 ft. fr. on Miskwabi Lake (2 lake chain). Access off a cul de sac, well treed, gently sloping lot. 2005 renovated 1,122 sq. ft. 4 season home/cottage on a full 9' high finished walkout lower level offers 2200sq. ft. of living space. Open concept with cathedral pine beamed ceilings, stunning pine sunroom with skylights, nice screen porch area, maple kitchen with centre island.

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LITTLE REDSTONE \$375,000



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PINE LAKE \$195,000

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SPRING VALLEY ROAD - \$89,900



What a great place to build your dream home or cottage - boat into Minden or into prestigious Gull Lake. Nice sandy shoreline for swimming - hydro & bell available at the lot line. Call for more info today!

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HORSESHOE LAKE - \$359,900



1.1 acre waterfront parcel with 247 ft. frontage on beautiful Horseshoe Lake (2 lake chain). Superb access, conveniently located close to Minden Village & all amenities plus the beautiful 'White Water' reserve. Neat & clean 3 bdrm cottage ideal for current use & rental potential & comes fully furnished, ready to enjoy! Plus more.

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